

## Word Sort / Spelling

Today your child has brought home a zip lock bag of cut up words. We call this Word Work. On most Monday mornings, your child will receive a new pattern or 'sort' to study throughout the week. I will teach them the pattern rules and we will discuss the meaning of all the words. They will then take the words home and practice sorting the words in categories or patterns to help learn how to spell them. Children were placed in groups according to their needs with various spelling patterns.

On the back of this paper, you will find the home routine instruction for your child. Each day they will do something different with their sort. The activities are always modeled and practiced at school before they do it at home. Your child can teach you the sort, explain the patterns, and show you how it is done. Please don't spend more than 10 minutes each day practicing. We would like to keep it quick and easy.

Some weeks we will also practice our Dolch words. Dolch words are a list of the 220 most commonly read and spelled words that children will see in books and also need to learn how to write. Our school starts learning these words in Kindergarten and student progress is recorded each year so they can work on these words to the end of Grade 3. (Please watch for the list of these sight words in your child's yellow communication envelope.)