

Parents and Guardians,

Depending on your child's learning style, it can be difficult for her to study for a spelling test alone. You can help make this study time more productive and less stressful by helping your child in the following ways. You can use one method or several depending on how much help she needs with each word.

With your child looking at the spelling book or word list:

- Have your child read each word to you.
- Have your child spell each word out loud.
- Have your child use the word in a sentence. He can say the sentence out loud, write it on paper, or both.

With you looking at the spelling book or word list:

- Say each word and ask your child to spell the word back to you. Tip: Asking words in random order is more effective than going down the list.
- Read the words in random order and have your child write the words down on a piece of paper.

If your child is having trouble with one or more words:

- Think of something that is meaningful to your child that can help her remember the word. For example: To help remember how to spell the word "night" it might work to have your child sing the letters to the tune of the children's song "Bingo."
- Use the words in a matching game, crossword puzzle, or word search.

Remember: You don't have to limit the use of the spelling words to a few minutes of study time. Use the spelling words all week long in normal conversation.

