

Dear Families,

Do you want to help your child learn to read? The most commonly used words in English follow few spelling or pronunciation rules and cause children great difficulty when they are beginning to read. If you help your child master these words and know them "by sight," then s/he will be able to focus on the more important content words.

Reading will be more interesting and more enjoyable as a result!

We have created a master list with the top 100 sight words from our Open Court reading program. As you can see, helping your child practice his/her sight word list on a daily basis will make a dramatic difference as s/he begins to read.

We suggest cutting up flashcards and storing the words in a Ziploc bag.

Here are the steps for you to follow when teaching these words at home:

1. Print the Master List only once for testing purposes.

2. Print the flashcards, cut them apart, and store them in a baggie. (We recommend printing the flashcards on cardstock.)
3. Each day (or after your child has learned a new word) circle the words your child can read independently on the Master list.
4. Punch a hole in the top left hand corner of the flashcards your child knows off the Master List, (circled words) and put these flashcards on the ring provided by your K teacher.
5. Have your child read the cards on the ring each night to every living thing. Twice!
6. Next, teach one new word at your own pace, using the ideas provided in "Fun Ways to Learn Words".
7. Start steps 3 to 6 all over again.

Your child will love adding new "known" words to the ring and watching their flashcard pile grow! Above all, have fun.

"Thank You" for supporting our school reading program!

Sincerely,

The K-Team