Dear Parents,

The students should be practicing their spelling words (rules/patterns) at home throughout the week. Although we work on lessons and activities throughout the week at school, it is important for the students to use various ways to study the spellings of important words. We want to help them become more efficient spellers and improve their overall spelling skills. I have compiled a list of different activities to help keep your child engaged in their spelling practice at home. Have the students practice using a different way each day. It’s also a good idea to keep the lists and revisit the words. Please keep this list as a reference to use, aiming to help improve our 3rd grade spellers. Thank you for your support!

**Different Ways to Practice Spelling Words**

1. Write your words in Alphabetical Order.
2. Write your words as rainbow words (every letter is a different color).
3. Write each word in a complete sentence and circle the spelling word.
4. Make a set of flashcards for studying your words.
5. Visit – Common Core Spelling Sheets. Type in your spelling words and choose an activity/activities to complete.
6. Do spelling jumping jacks. As you clap above your head, say a letter to spell your words.
7. Play catch or roll a ball back and forth with a partner. Each time one of you throw or roll the ball, shout out a letter. Continue doing so until the word is spelled.
8. Write your words outside using sidewalk chalk.
9. Practice writing your words on a small chalkboard or on a dry erase board.
10. Look at your word. Say the word aloud. Then, cover the word and say it again. Try to write your word from memory. Check to see if you spelled it right. Do this at least two times for each word.
11. Write your words with your finger in a box of salt or sand.
12. Have a parent scramble your words. You unscramble them.

Example: tca = cat

1. Write your words with your finger on your parent’s back. Have him/her guess the word.
2. Write your words in the air.
3. Lay on your back with your feet in the air. Use your foot to write your words in the air.

Write your words on a piece of paper.

Circle all of the vowels. Vowels: a,e,i,o,u, and sometimes y

Underline each consonant. Consonants: all of the other letters

1. Write a creative story using all of your spelling words.
2. Write each of your spelling words. Next to each word, write as many rhyming words that you can that follow the same spelling rule or pattern.
3. Write your word in bubble letters.
4. Cut letters out of a newspaper or magazine to spell your words.
5. Write each word twice on index cards (or any small piece of paper). Play Memory Math with a partner. After making a match, write the word.
6. Write your spelling words with dot letters in pencil. Then use a marker or colored pencil to connect the dots.
7. Be creative – try to come up with another way to help you practice your words!