

Dear Parents,

We hope your child is having a wonderful experience thus far into the school year. The students have been working hard in all content areas and learning many new things across the curriculum.

In regards to the spelling program, there are going to be some big changes. As a Second Grade team, we have decided to implement a differentiated spelling program for the remainder of the year! This is exciting news for us and your child! You are probably wondering, "What is differentiated spelling?"

Differentiated spelling is an individualized spelling program designed to best meet the needs of each learner. The students will still be focusing on a word list each week; however, based on the pretests given each week, your child will be able to choose words within a predetermined list chosen to match your child's spelling level. Below is a look at our future spelling program broken into days:



Friday:

- Posttest is administered
- Pretest for next week's list is administered
- Students must take any words they miss and put them on their study list for the following week
- If all words are correct, students choose five words from the list for the following week (we believe it is important to review all spelling patterns even if the list is mastered on the Friday pretest)
- Students may choose words from their predetermined list to fill in empty slots on their study list (the list must contain 10 words)
- Students will put their words in their planners to study for the week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:

- Study list pattern with teacher
- Review individualized words during center time

Friday:

- Posttest is administered
- Pretest for the following week is administered and the routine begins again

The biggest difference you will notice is that your child will be bringing home his/her spelling words on Friday of each week. This gives your child an extra three days to study before his/her test on the following Friday.

We hope you are as excited about this program as we are. We believe strongly in meeting the needs of all students and accommodating and challenging them in appropriate ways. This spelling program will greatly enhance our language arts curriculum. We are excited to see the transfer of the students spelling into their daily writing, as well as a greater student interest in spelling. This program will hopefully entice students and increase motivation to study and do well!

Please be patient as we get the program underway. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to e-mail your child's homeroom teacher. It will take the students a few weeks to really get comfortable with the routine, but we are optimistic about the benefits this program will provide.

Thank you for your support!
Many blessings,
Your Second Grade Team