

August 23, 2017

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We are having a great start to the school year! Thank you for sending your children to school ready to learn!

This Friday, August 25th, will be the first spelling test of the year. We have been practicing the words in school and a list was also sent home last week. If you ever need another list:

- * please send me an email, or
- * write me a note in the planner, or
- * have your child get another one in the classroom.
- * Eventually you will be able to locate the spelling lists on our class website.

Every student is taking the same list this week. Next week, I will also be providing a more challenging list to those that need it. "List 2" is the on grade-level list. "List 1" is the more challenging list. Please talk to your child about which list they should be taking. I will also be talking with them to help them decide which list would be best for them. This will help them reflect and take ownership of their learning and challenge them to do their best.

The expectation for spelling homework is that they do what is needed to be prepared for their test at the end of every week, usually on Fridays. That might mean studying for 10 minutes every night, or 5 minutes every other night. Here are a few ideas of ways to study:

- * spellingcity.com
- * write words 5 times each
- * have someone quiz them out loud
- * do a practice test
- * write words in fancy letters
- * make a word search or word puzzle on puzzlemaker.com
- * use each word in a sentence
- * make a game out of spelling the words

Please let me know if there are any questions or if there is any way I can help. Students will be getting their new list after their spelling test on Friday, Aug. 25th. You can always expect the new list to come home at the end of the week.

Thank you!
Mrs. Holl