

Spelling Notes for Parents



*Students will study a phonetic element (i.e. short a) and will be given a list of 8 words using this element. They will learn to read and write many words with this element (not just the 8 words on the list). At the end of the week, we will have a spelling check up over the words on the list (and randomly selected words containing previously learned phonetic elements).

*Once we have finished a spelling unit, all future spelling check-ups will contain randomly selected words from these previously studied units. (i.e. Once we finish the short a unit, random short A words will be on the spelling check up.)

*The goal for first grade spelling is mastery of various phonetic elements. Once we study short A chunks, students should be able to spell any word with a short A chunk. This means that the word "sad" could be on the check-up even though it was not on the short A spelling list.

*In addition to the phonetic units, first graders will work to master the spelling of common sight words. Randomly selected sight words will also be included on the spelling check-up after we have studied and chanted them.



*This packet contains all the phonetic spelling lists and the sight words (and the chants to help remember how to spell them). We have already worked on the first page of the sight words and will add 3-4 new sight words each week.

First Grade Spelling Lists				
Short A List	short E List	short O List	Short List	Short U List
had	get	on	in	plum
can	yes	pot	did	up
dn	went	stop	with	but
ask	then	not	silk	cup
bag	hen	top	it	fun
bad	red	shop	big	much
that	help	mom	sit	bug
Þouble Final Consonant List	Long A List	Long List	Long O List	Long U List
Will	cake	time	go	tune
add	late	five	home	flute
tell	make	like	bone	rule :
off	ndme	bike	close	cube :
still	came	hide	those	tube :
grass	take	smile	joke	mule
miss	chase	mine	no	mute:
egg	place	write	SÔ	fuse

First Grade Spelling Lists				
Long E List	Long E (ed) List	Long A (ay) List Way	Sounds of Y List	Sounds of oo List
need	read	sdý	þý	100
me	eat	away	cry	good
tree	seat	stay	fly	took :
see	clean	play	July	soon
teeth	scredm	today	why	food
maybe	mean	day	try	shook
We	please	mdy	sky	school
Plural Words List	Plural Words (es) List	-ed -ing Words List	-ar Words List	
ndmes	kisses	looked	far	
days	buses	looking	dark	
seats	wishes	jumped	hard	
cdns	dresses	jumping	drm	
steps	beaches	rested	farm	
kites	pouches	resting	cdr	
hands	boxes	floated	marvel	Lyw
stores	bunches	floating	dre	

Sigł	nt Words To Spell
Ι	"capital I, capital I, I starts with a capital I!"
go	g-o "go" g-o "go" g-o g-o g-o "go"
and	"a-n-d, and again, and again"
have	"h-a-v, don't forget the e"
get	"g-e-t, get that e, get that e"
of	"don't say u-v, you say o-f, o-f, o-f, of"
some	"s-o-m-e, give some to me!"
γου	"γ-ο-υ, γου, γου!"
do	"d-o, what should we do? What should we do?"
come	"c-o-m-e, come to me!"
they	"there is no A in they, there is no A in they, t-h-e-y, there is no A in they" (farmer in the dell is the tune)
went	"w-e-n-t, we went to the zoo"
for	"f-o-r is that for YOU or for ME?

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"w-h-a-t, what is THAT in the HAT?"
"o-u-t says out you go!"
"w-a-s, w-a-s, there is no letter U in was, w-a-s"
(Three Blind Mice is the tune) "W-h-0, Wh000, Wh000"
"where? where? t-h-e-r-e, there!"
"w-a-n-t, I want to go on a picnic but I don't want an <u>ant</u> !"
"g-o-e-s, there goes the -e-s"
"s-a-i-d, dot that i, dot that i"
"c-o-u, could not forget the -l-d"
"d-o-e-s, she does, he does, he does"
"w-h-y, why is there a w, h ?"
"Hi-t (pause), t-l-e, what a little e"
p - u - t, p-u (plug your nose) - t"

are «c	1 - r - e, AR AR AR but don't forget the E"	
friend	"f-r-i-, e-n-d, a friend until the end"	
people	"p-e-o, p-l-e, people, people, everywhere"	
would	"w-o-u, would not forget the -l-d"	
school	"s-c-h-, o-o-l, school, school"	
think	"t-h, i-n-k, I should think about it"	
work	"w-o-r-k, work or else!"	
when	"w-h-e-n, when, when will we kiss a hen?"	
give	"g-i-v-e, give it an E, give it an E"	
were	"w-e-r-e, we were at school"	
before	b-e-f, o-r-e, before, before, but don't forget the E"	
walk	w-a-l-k, you walk to the L, f you walk to the K"	
because "b-e-c-a-u-s-e, because, because, because you see!" (tune is Twinkle, twinkle)		

