

## Dear Students and Parents,

Your child recently brought home his/her first sight word list. Sight words are the words that good readers know by sight and don't have to sound out. To become the best reader you can be, it is important for you to learn the words from your sight word list. Some of the words might be the same as a friend in class and some of them might be different. ***Looking for ways to practice your words at home?*** Try some of the ideas listed below. Keep this list handy to add fun and variety to your child's sight word practice! Additional ideas will be shared as the year continues.

### Buzz Word----Ways to Practice #1

#### Ways to Practice your Sight Words at Home

- Flashlight words:** Tape the words to the wall or ceiling and turn off the lights. Use the flashlight to shine on the word and read.
- Yours & Mine:** Read your words to an adult. If you read it correctly—it's YOURS-keep it in a pile by you, if you read it incorrectly—it's MINE-the adult keeps it in a pile by them.
- Paper Plate Toss:** Write sight words on paper plates and toss them like Frisbees after reading the word.
- Stepping Stones:** Place the words on the floor and pretend the rest of the floor is a river (or for added adventure...hot lava!). If you read the word correctly, you can step on the word. Continue until you cross the river.
- POP:** Make a set of cards with the words on them and (at least) two extra cards that say "Pop!" Shuffle and read the cards out loud. When the word "Pop!" comes jump up in the air!
- Tic-Tac-Toe:** Write words in tic-tac-toe spaces. Take turns selecting a space to read. If the space is read correctly, an X or an O is placed on the space until someone wins. Make a larger Tic-Tac-Toe board to play with more words.
- Word Hunt:** Look for sight words in your poetry notebook, newspaper or school newsletter. Use a highlighter to highlight the words you find.
- Beat the Clock:** Figure out how many times you can write the words in a minute OR how many words you can read in a minute.
- Play Who am I?** Spread out the words. Give clues for each of the sight words For example. I rhyme with bed, I have four letters, and I start with "s". (=said)
- Scrabble:** Use scrabble tiles to write the words. You can also practice your math facts and add the points!
- Make words** out of yarn or play dough.
- Delicious Words:** Write your words in whipped cream, chocolate syrup, spaghetti, etc.
- Clean Words:** Write your words in shaving cream.
- Concentration:** Make two sets of cards with the words on them and play this classic memory game.
- Go Fish:** Make two sets of cards with the words on them and play Go Fish.