

Word Study: Supporting Your Child at Home

Your child will have word study homework usually every week. During the week, the students are expected to do a variety of sorting activities at home to help prepare them for the spelling test on Friday.

MONDAY - Sort the Words and Speed Sort

Your child should read each word aloud during this activity. Have your child explain why the words are sorted in those particular categories. Have your child sort the words again, but this time it should be done quickly. As a challenge, you may want to time them as they do this **speed sort**! Record their time in your child's word study duotang.*

(Note: After meeting with me on Monday, time will be given in class for your child to cut the words out, sort them on their desk and write the words in the proper categories in their word study duotang*. However, this work may need to be completed at home if your child runs out of time at school.)

TUESDAY - Blind Sort (or No Peeking Sort)

Lay down a word from each category as a header and then read the rest of the words aloud to your child. Have your child spell each word and tell you what category the word belongs in without **SEEING** the word. Lay down the word in the category your child identifies, but give them a chance to change their mind. Repeat if needed for more difficult words.

WEDNESDAY - Word Hunt

Assist your child in doing a **word hunt**. This involves your child looking for words that have the same sound, pattern, or both in a familiar book, magazine, newspaper, etc. Try to find 2-3 words for each category. Have your child write these new words in a different colour in their word study duotang in the proper categories*.

THURSDAY - Blind Writing Sort

As you call out the words in a random order, your child should write them in the correct sorting category. This can be done in your child's word study duotang*. For misspelled words, you should repeat as needed until they are spelled correctly.

***Your child's word study duotang will go home every week. It must be handed back in at the end of the week - on Friday.**