

4TH GRADE WORD STUDY

INTRODUCTION

We are beginning our Word Study for the year. Your child will be using a Composition Notebook they brought in at the beginning of school for all their Word Study this year. There are always lots of questions at the beginning of the year so here is a brief overview of how we do Word Study ...or Spelling as us old-timers know it...in 4th grade.

New words are given each Friday. Assignment sheet is glued into the notebook.

All assignments are due by the following Thursday..which means turn it in Thursday. Assignments may change through the year so be sure your child is reading their assignments carefully.

Students are expected to complete one (1) HAVE-TO assignment for a 70%. They may then choose to complete CHOICE assignments. Each additional choice assignment is worth an extra 10% so 2 assignments = 80%, 3 = 90%, and 4= 100%

Some assignments require a parent signature. NOTE: No grade will be given on an assignment requiring a signature until it is signed by a parent or responsible adult.

THERE IS AN ENVELOPE IN THE FRONT OF THE NOTEBOOK WITH THAT WEEK'S WORD SORTS. ENVELOPE MUST REMAIN IN NOTEBOOK

LATE OR MISSING WORK

Any late or incomplete word study assignments will need to be completed by the end of the nine weeks.

Students may be required, if needed, to spend their play time on assignments that are not turned in or completed.

Each Thursday, students will complete an assessment that covers their words for that week.

My aim is to make their assessment more about recognizing and USING their spelling patterns across all areas of learning. So they will not be memorizing a list of words for a spelling test where their words are called out to them. Assessments will be more authentic and will require them to show they recognize and can use the spelling patterns they have learned.

After spelling groups are determined, weekly word lists will be posted on my weekly page.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD

Look at their assignments and words with them each week.

Ask them to describe how their words are sorted.

Ask them to sort their words for you.

Go on word hunts in newspapers, magazines and books they are reading for similar spelling patterns.

Ask them to spell some of their words to you.

TESTS

