



Dear Parents,



In two weeks (beginning the week of November 2nd) we are beginning "Spelling Investigations." Spelling Investigations is a new approach to studying words. The investigations provide opportunities for the students to have a more active role in choosing the words that they would like to know how to spell, as well as, differentiated instruction to better meet each student's needs. A typical five-day week will go as follows:

Monday-I will give a pre-test of the words that are found on Dr. Fry's Spelling list. Students will grade their own pre-test. Any words that your child has written correctly will be replaced by a word of his/her choice following the same pattern from the original list (ex. short i). Incorrectly spelled words remain on the list. Your child will have his/her spelling words for the week written on his/her blue spelling sheet in his/her blue homework folder.

Tuesday-Thursday-Students will participate in spelling activities during our Skills Block time exploring further words from the week's spelling pattern.

Friday-Your child will take his/her individual spelling test. The tests will have to be given individually because the students' words will be different.*

I am extremely excited about beginning Spelling Investigations with this year's class! I have taught Spelling Investigations for the last two years with my 1st grade students and it was a lot of fun. The best part was that the children really ventured out with challenging words to study and their writing and reading developed even further. YEA!!!

*Spelling Investigations will be more time consuming and demanding on me. Therefore, if anyone is interested in helping out on Fridays to administer the individual spelling tests I would **REALLY** appreciate it. (Please sign and detach the piece below). As always, thank you for your support.

☺ Mrs. Corbitt

_____ Yes, I _____ am available to help out on Fridays to give spelling tests just let me know of the date and time.

_____ Maybe, I _____ might be available to help out on Fridays to give spelling tests just let me know of the date and time.

_____ No, I _____ am not available to help out on Fridays to give spelling tests, but I will be sure to help my child with his/her words each week.