

Dear Parents,

The English language contains millions of words, but over 50% of all text is composed of sight words. Many of the words are sight words, which, by definition, rarely follow any rules or guidelines. They just have to be memorized. Reading research shows that reading fluency is a strong indicator of reading comprehension. Fluency is the ability to read text with speed, accuracy and proper expression. Fluent readers:

- Recognize words automatically
- Read aloud effortlessly and with expression
- Do not have to concentrate on decoding
- Can focus on comprehension

The list of 195 Words can be overwhelming but I recommend working on 5 at a time. As soon as your child has mastered the entire list please initial and return it to school in your child's Friday Folder. I will then check your child on the words and if they have mastered the list I will send home the 2nd grade list.

Your child's success in reading will increase significantly if he/she is given the opportunity to practice reading these words at home each night. You might want to consider making flash cards. Your participation is essential in helping your child to become a skilled, confident reader. I appreciate your support! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

~ Mrs. Hurst