

Dear First Grade Parents/Guardians,

In our classes we have started our spelling curriculum. This year it will look a lot different. Students will focus on sorting words based the different features of words. We will be sending home words for your student to cut out each week and practice sorting. Here is a description of the different types of sorts your student should be doing.

**Pattern Sort**: The student will sort each word by the patterns they see in the words.

**Blind Sort**: Shuffle the word cards for your student and call out the word without showing the card to him/her. The student will decide which category the word belongs by pointing for the category or saying the correct name of the category.

**Writing Sort**: Write the keywords/headers on the top of the paper for each category. The student then writes the word in the correct category. Your student can sort write the words by copying a previous sort done with word cards or by turning over one word card at a time from his/her set and writing it down.

**Blind Writing Sort:** Shuffle the word cards and read the word to your student. He/She will write each word in the correct category before seeing the word.

Thank you for your patience as this is a new program and a learning experience for all of us! ☺

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