

First Grade High Frequency Word Activities

- **Flash Cards:** Great first day activity! Write each word neatly on an index card. You can use the cards with any of the activities or as flash cards.
- **Practice Test:** This is also a good activity to do in the beginning and the end of the week. Have a parent dictate the words from your list as you write them down. When finished, check your work. Circle any misspelled words. Continue to practice the misspelled words.
- **3 Times Each:** Write your words 3 times each.
- **Stair Spell:** Create a staircase effect by writing your words in a horizontal sequence. **W**

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- **ABC Order:** Put your words in alphabetical order.
- **Rainbow Write:** Write your words using the colors of the rainbow. Use a different color for every letter in the word.
- **Scrambled Eggs:** You can do this activity two ways. You can have an adult write down the HFW's all mixed up (letters out of order). Without knowing which word it is, you must try writing the word correctly by using the scrambled letters. Or, you can write the words on a piece of paper. Cut the letters apart and mix them up. Put the letters in the right order and glue them to another piece of paper.
- **Sentences:** Put each of your words into a complete sentence.
- **Consonant Circle:** Write each word. Then go back and circle all of the consonants in your words.
- **Red Vowels:** Write each word. Then go back and trace over all the vowels with a red crayon or marker.
- **Rhyme Time:** Find at least one rhyming word for each of your HFW's. Write down both the HFW and its rhyming partner.
- **Type 'Em:** Practice your words by typing them on the computer. You can type them several times using different fonts.
- **Story:** Write a short story using your HFW's.

- **Newspaper Reporter:** Find your HFW's in newspapers, magazines, junk mail (food packaging or other items work also). Cut the words out and glue them to a piece of paper. Or keep a tally of how many times you found each word.
 - **Backwards Words:** Write your HFW's forwards then backwards.
 - **Spill and Spell:** Arrange plastic letter tiles or magnetic letters to form your spelling words.
 - **Toss a Word:** Toss or roll a ball back and forth with a partner. You say the first letter, and then toss and your partner says the second letter and so forth.
 - **Word Search:** Make a word search puzzle using your HFW's. Use the discovery education online free puzzle maker www.puzzlemaker.com
 - **3-D Words:** Use Play-Doh or clay to sculpt your words.
 - **Word Hunt:** See if you can find your HFW's in the world around you. Look in and around your house; in books; while riding in the car; during a shopping trip; anywhere and everywhere. Keep a tally of how many times you found each of your words.
 - **Good Clean Words:** Find a countertop or flat surface that can be cleaned easily. Spray on shaving cream and spread it out. Write your HFW's in the shaving cream and be sure to clean up afterwards.
 - **Jump Rope:** Spell your words as you jump rope. Jump over the rope one letter at a time.
 - **Memory (1-2 players):** Write each of your HFW's on a set of index cards. Make two sets. Mix the cards up and place them face down (not overlapping). Each player takes a turn by turning over two cards. If the cards match, the player keeps them. If the cards do not match, the player turns the cards back over. The player with the most matches wins.
 - **Go Fish (2 or more players):** Write each of your HFW's on a set of index cards. Make two sets. Shuffle the cards and give each player 5 cards. Put the remaining cards face-down in a pile in the middle. Each player takes a turn, asking "Do you have the word_____?" The player with the most sets of words wins.
 - **Spelling Bee:** Have an adult or older sibling read each HFW out loud to you. After each word is read aloud, it's your turn to spell the word (no peeking). Continue to practice any misspelled words.
- The key is to PRACTICE and have FUN while mastering your words!!!**