



Third Grade Spelling Tips

- ◆ Spelling lists will be sent home the first day of each week.
- ◆ Your child's spelling contract is due back every Thursday. If it's a 4-day week or your child was absent on Monday, spelling will be due back on Friday.
- ◆ Only the signed spelling contract needs to be returned. *Anything else is optional. By signing your child's contract, you are indicating that they fully & correctly completed 30 points worth of activities.*
- ◆ A purple notebook will be sent home for your child to complete their weekly spelling contract activities in *if they choose*. The notebook has handwriting lines to guide your child's handwriting. This *does not* need to be turned in.
- ◆ Every week your child will have the spelling pattern written at the bottom of their list. Please be sure to reinforce this pattern at home when practicing spelling and reading. **If you're unsure about the pattern please check out the newsletter or send your child's teacher an email!*
- ◆ Many spelling lists will have an "oddball" or "rule-breaker" word(s). This will be a word that looks like it should follow the spelling pattern, but does not.
- ◆ Thursday night's spelling homework will be to simply study for Friday's spelling test. A quick and effective way to do this is to complete a practice spelling test at home. If there is no school on Friday, the test will be given on Thursday.
- ◆ Spelling tests will be taken in a small notebook. This will be graded and sent home either on Friday or Monday. Please assist your child to make corrections and sign and return the next day.
- ◆ On your child's spelling test, they will be given 4 "surprise words". These words WILL NOT be included in the spelling list for the week. They WILL go along with the pattern of the week.

For example, if the pattern is the rules for adding the suffix -ed, students will be given 4 words that follow this pattern but were not on their list.

This shows application of the pattern, not just memorization. This goes along with the Words Their Way program that we incorporate at QE!