

August 24, 2015

Dear First Grade Parents,

We are taking a different approach to spelling than the traditional spelling list and weekly test, and are using a program called "Chunk Spelling". We will be focusing on word chunks, word patterns and word families. Every week, we will focus on a new word chunk. (-at, -ake, -ed, etc.) These will be chunks that your child will encounter in daily reading and writing practice. The class will generate a list of words based on the chunk for each week. They will be practicing their words using poems, games, puzzles and other activities. We will not be giving a weekly test.

Each week we will also focus on 5 Word Wall Words. (Please see the attached sheet.) These words are essentially sight words that first graders will use on an everyday basis in their work. Your child's teacher will post the chunk and Word Wall Words on her class blog.

Please help your child practice these words at home even though there will not be a test over them. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Sincerely,

Willard South First Grade Teachers