**Spelling Contract**

 **The Guidelines**

This Spelling Contract will allow you to decide how you will learn your spelling words.

Each day you must choose one activity to work on.

No activity is to be repeated twice during the time with that specific word sort.

Sometimes your teacher will assign a specific activity to be included as one of your choices.

Each Word Sort, you will complete four (4) activities from Section A and two (2) activities from section B.

In addition to the spelling activities, you should be studying your words at home each night.

*As a fourth grader, I agree to choose and complete a Spelling Assignment each night.*

*Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**The Activities**

**The Must-Do List (these must be completed each week).**

1. Cut and Glue words into notebook in their correct sort.
2. Write words in agenda to study at home.
3. Complete workbook page that accompanies the word sort.

Each Word Sort, I agree to complete four (4) activities from Section A and two (2) activities from section B.

**SECTION A**

1. Parts of Speech…Group all of your words into their appropriate part of speech. Use the dictionary if you need help.

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| Nouns | Verbs | Adjectives | Adverbs |
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1. Alphabetical Order…Write all of your spelling words in correct alphabetical (ABC) order.
2. Color Code…Write all your words using one color for the vowels and another color for the consonants.
3. Word Search…Use as many of your spelling words to make up a word search for a partner to complete. You must use at least 10 spelling words. Your word search must be neat, therefore use graph paper to create the word search grid.

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| **i** | d | s | **a** | **a** | r |
| **l** | y | p | **e** | **i** | j |
| **e** | w | i | **r** | **l** | **n** |
| **b** | l | x | g | w | k |

1. Cursive…Write all your words 4 times each in your best cursive handwriting.
2. Spelling Cheers…take 5 spelling words. For each word, find an appropriate adjective or phrase for each letter.

Example: If the spelling word is FATHER

 F is for fair

 A is for attentive

 T is for thoughtful

 H is for helpful

 E is for eager

 R is for responsible

When you finish, you should have an appropriate cheer for your spelling word with a clear understanding of its meaning.

1. How many syllables…Make a chart for the number of syllables in spelling words. Place all your spelling words in the proper column. For example…

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 syllable | 2 sylllables | 3 syllables | 4 syllables | Etc. |
|  |  |  |  |  |

1. Spelling Riddles…Make up a “What am I?” or “Who am I?” riddle for at least 7 spelling words. You should have at least 3 clues for each word in order to give a clear meaning for your word.

Example:

 I have three letters

 People drive around in me.

 I rhyme with the word “jar”.

 What am I?

1. Spelling Pyramids…Chose 10 spelling words and write them in a pyramid formation. For example:

Believe

B

BE

BEL

BELI

BELIE

BELIEV

BELIEVE

**SECTION B**

1. Spelling Story…Make up a story using as many spelling words as you can. Be sure to underline or highlight your spelling words. (You must use at least 10 spelling words.)
2. Picture Entry…Make a picture dictionary entry for 10 spelling words. Your picture should give a clear idea as to the meaning of your word. Color your picture.
3. Define and Write…Choose TEN spelling words and write a meaning for each in your own words. Then use the word in a meaningful sentence. Try to select words you need extra practice with.

Example: word –

Definition

Sentence

1. Synonym or Antonym…Make a list of 10 spelling words. In the second column, write a synonym for that word. In the third column, write an antonym. Use a thesaurus for help. For example:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Word** | **Synonym** | **Antonym** |
| Pass | throw | Catch |

1. Add it up…Find the cost of 10 spelling words. For example: the letter A is worth 1, B is worth 2, etc. Find the costs and add them together to find the total cost of the word.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A = 1 | B = 2 | C = 3 | D = 4 |
| E = 5 | F = 6 | G = 7 | H = 8 |
| I = 9 | J = 10 | K = 11 | L = 12 |
| M = 13 | N = 14 | O = 15 | P = 16 |
| Q = 17 | R = 18 | S = 19 | T = 20 |
| U = 21 | V = 22 | W = 23 | X = 24 |
| Y = 25 | Z = 26 |  |  |

For example: FATHER

6 + 1 + 20 + 8 + 5 + 18 = 58

1. Define it…Write a dictionary definition for 10 spelling words
2. Big word = Little word…Choose 10 spelling words. For each word, write down all the words you can find inside the word.

Example: Language = age, gauge, gag, etc.

WORK HARD AND HAVE FUN!!!

Remember, this is your SPELLING homework.

Each spelling word MUST be spelled CORRECTLY!!