

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Week of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Note:** Students will be receiving a sheet of words and/or pictures *every two weeks*. A spelling list will not be sent home. Focus on the concept presented by the pictures and/or words in the sort.

**Parents:** Please work with your child to complete 4-8 Words Their Way (WTW) activities *by the end of two weeks*. We ask that your child cut his/her words/pictures at home and store them in an envelope or plastic bag so that he/she can work with the words/pictures throughout the week. Please keep the words/pictures at home for continued practice throughout the year. Initial and date each activity your child uses to practice his/her words/pictures. Return this sheet only on \_\_\_\_\_ . Thank you!

### Words Their Way Homework Activities

\*A description of each activity is listed on the back. Learning word patterns will be enjoyable!

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Parent Initials</u>	<u>Date</u>
1. Speed Sort*		
2. Word/Picture Collage*		
3. No Peeking Sort*		
4. Same Pattern, New Words		
5. Memory*		
6. Silly Sentences		
7. Wonderful Writing Tools		
8. Moving with Words		
9. Words Their Way Baseball		
10. Spelling City (online)		

\*These activities are recommended for sorts that use pictures rather than words.

## Activity Descriptions

1. **Speed Sort-** Use a stopwatch, clock, or timer on a phone to time how fast you can sort your words/pictures. Consider timing a family member and see if you can beat that time!
2. **Word Collage-** Look through magazines and newspapers to find the letters that make words/pictures that fit your word patterns. Glue the letters together. How many words/pictures can you make?
3. **No Peeking Sort-** Place your word headers on top of a work surface (table, floor, etc.). Put your words/pictures cards in a pile. Have a family member call out each word one at a time. Without peeking at the word, point to where you think the word belongs. If you are correct, have your family member put the word there. If you are incorrect, your family member should show you the word, say it out loud, and return it to the pile. Once you are finished sorting, talk about your word patterns for the week. Is there any other way you could sort your words/pictures?
4. **Same Pattern, New Words** - Write other words/pictures that have the same pattern as your words/pictures for the week. How many words/pictures can you think of?
5. **Memory-** Play this game with a family member or by yourself. Put aside your oddball words/pictures (words/pictures that sound like the other words/pictures but do not fit the WTW pattern- these words/pictures will not be used in the game). Place the rest of the word cards face down in rows. Turn over two cards, say the words/pictures, and identify the WTW pattern of each word. If the words/pictures you flip over have the same pattern, you keep the match and go again. If you are playing with someone else, see who can get the most matches!
6. **Silly Sentences-** Use each of your WTW words/pictures in a sentence. You may want to use more than one WTW word in a sentence. You could also use your words/pictures to write a letter to a friend!
7. **Wonderful Writing Tools-** Write your words/pictures using special writing tools such as paint, water colors, markers, or a pen. Then cut up your words/pictures and sort them!
8. **Moving with Words/pictures-** Try one of the following movement activities:
  - Write your words/pictures in the air with your finger.
  - Lay on your back with your feet in the air and use your toe to write your WTW words/pictures in the air.
  - Do jumping jacks while WTW your words/pictures.
9. **Words Their Way Baseball-** Draw 4 bases on a piece of paper. Have someone be the "pitcher." They pick a word for you to spell. If the batter (you) spells it right, you move one base. You get a point when you pass home base.
10. **Spelling City (online)-** Visit [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com). Type in your WTW words/pictures and choose an activity to complete.