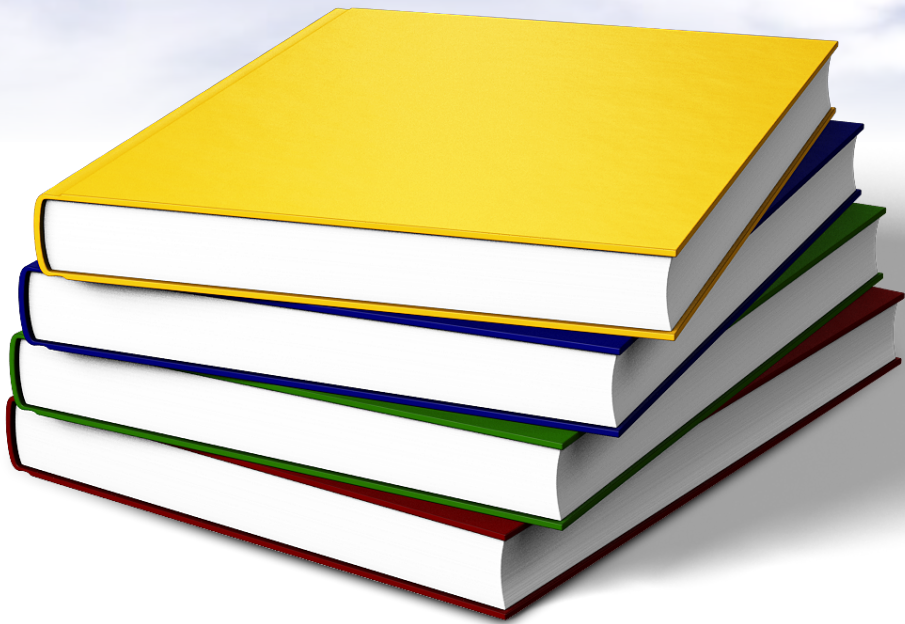


S-P-E-L-L

Five important things for a successful
A+ spelling program



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Before Beginning the Year



- Get the current list
- Check for resources

Tune-in

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- Know that 20% of the words are not on list.
- Handwriting- know the legibility rule

Syllables



- Because UIL spelling is designed to expose students to a variety of vocabulary words, students must have great decoding skills.
 - 1) Know rules of the English language
 - 2) Know root words, prefixes, and suffixes.
 - 3) Be able to distinguish words that sound the same quickly

Practice, practice, practice



1. As a coach this is a time consuming event if you want you kids to be successful

Because:

1. You need to grade the test to see what they are missing, check writing for proper writing, and help them with common mistakes.
2. You need to go through the list 3-4 times(this is where outside products can help)
3. It takes a good 30 minutes at least 3 times a week to have good spellers. I like lunch for taking the test.

Practice, practice, practice (con't)



- II. As a student it is a time consuming event if your kid wants to be successful
 - 1) They have to study, and then study a little more
 - 2) They need to have help at home.
 - 3) They need to a self-driven student due to number of words.
 - 4) Be an organized student
 - Keep up with the list
 - Keep a notebook

Endless hours



- We have already discussed this, but due to this I very seldom have to eliminate my students. They eliminate themselves because they can not keep up with extra load of work
- As a coach the most time consuming part is adding words to the test and knowing what words my team is missing.

Letters and their origins



- This is the one area where the classroom curriculum can help you. The curriculum can be used to build vocabulary, prefix and suffix rules, and aid in playing word games.

I encourage my grade level language arts teacher's to coach this event. They can benefit from getting a stipend for coaching something they are doing in their classroom.

Love to spell



- I am not a speller due to the fact I am dyslexic, but this is one of my favorite events to coach because students that stick with contest love it. They have a passion for learning. Most students are the driven kids that strive for perfection.

Suggestions, comments, questions



I hope you have gotten one idea from this session.

Feel free to email any questions you have as you start this year.

THANK YOU and be honest on the evaluation!!