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Take-Home

Dear Caregiver,

Today we started Unit 3 of Core Knowledge Language Arts. Starting with this unit, your student will receive a new list of spelling words each Monday. The purpose of having weekly spelling words is to help students become strong spellers and allow them to practice at home the skills learned during Core Knowledge Language Arts. Your student will receive the spelling words at the beginning of the week and will be tested on the words at the end of the week.

There are eight words each week. The words cover only the spellings that have been reviewed and taught in class, meaning that your student will only work with and be tested on familiar spellings. The last spelling word is shaded in gray to indicate it is a Tricky Word. Tricky Words do not follow the expected spelling rules, so they cannot be reliably sounded out and spelled, which means their spellings must be memorized. Tricky Words are also taught and reviewed in class.

I encourage you to work with your student each night to review the spelling words for 5–10 minutes. The activities can be fun but should involve having your student write the word, not just spelling it aloud.

Here are a few activity ideas:

- Say a sentence with the spelling word, but leave the spelling word out. Your student should guess which of the week’s spelling words should complete the sentence and then write the word down.
- Create spelling word flash cards. After reading the word on a flash card, your student can turn over the card and write the word from memory on another piece of paper.
- Have a spelling bee at home, asking your student to both spell the words to you orally and write them.
- Ask your student to write each word in a short sentence, or write a story with the words.
- If possible, act out or draw a picture of the words; have your student guess the word and then write it down.
- Please have your student practice spelling the words in a different order each night; do not simply call them out in the order listed.
- Starting later this week, your student will also bring home a story that we have read in class. The story for this week is called “King Log and King Crane.” Please have your student read the story to you and then talk about it together.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.