

Words Their Way Spelling Stages With Skills Covered in Each Stage

Kindergarten			1st Grade			2nd Grade														
Emergent			Letter Name Alphabetic			Within Word Patterns														
Early	Middle	Late	Early	Middle	Late	Early	Middle	Late												
<p>Concept Sorts Animal and Not an Animal Food and Not Food Shapes and Colors Clothing Fruits and Vegetables Animals and Plants Foods Cleaning Items</p> <p>Rhyming Sorts Color Words Body Parts Pairs Clock, Fly, Pan Jar, Plate, Smell, Grape Rhyming Letters</p> <p>Letter Recognition Bb,Mm,Aa Rr,Ss,Ee Tt,Gg,Ee Nn,Pp,Ii Cc,Hh,Li Ff,Dd,Aa Ll,Kk,Oo Jj,Ww,Qq Yy,Zz,Vv Tt,Xx,Uu</p> <p>Beginning Sounds b,m r,s b,m,r,s t,g n,p t,g,n,p c,h f,d c,h,f,d l,k j,w,q l,k,j,w y,z,v</p> <p>Syllable Sorts Animals Compound Words</p> <p>Ending Sounds t,x</p>			<p>Beginning Consonant Review b,m,r,s t,g,n,p c,h,f,d l,k,j,w y,z,v</p> <p>Same Vowel Word Family -at -ad -an -ap,-ag -op,-ot,-og -et,-eg,-en -ug,-ut,-un -ip,-ig,-ill</p>			<p>Digraphs s,h,sh j,h,ch h,sh,ch th,wh sh,ch,wh, th</p> <p>Blends s, t,st sp,sk,sm sc,sn,sw pl,sl,bl,fl cr,cl,fr,gl,gr pr,tr,dr, br</p> <p>Beginning Sounds k,wh,qu,tw</p> <p>Mixed Vowel Word Families -at,-ot,-it -an,-in,-en,-un -ad,-ed,-ab,-ob -ap,ip,-op,-up -ag,-eg,-ig,-og,-ug ll,ell,all -ack,-ick,-ock,-uck -ash,-ish,-ush -ang,-ank,-ing,-ink</p> <p>Short Vowels in CVC Words a,o i,u e,i,o,u CVC- a,o CVC- i,u CVC- e,i,o,u a,e,i with beg. digraphs a, i with beg. Blends e,o,u with beg. Blends Short vowels with final blends Short vowels with final digraphs</p>			<p>Preconsonantal Nasals n and m Words end in -ng, -mp Words end in -nt,-nk,-nd Short o and or Short a and ar Contractions</p>			<p>Short/Long Vowels Picture Sorts Short and Long a Short and long i Short and Long o Short and Long u Short and long e</p> <p>Short/Long Vowels CVC and CVCe Short a(cvc) and long a(CVCe) Short i(cvc) and long i(CVCe) Short o(cvc) and long o(CVCe) Short u(cvc) and long u(CVCe) Review short (CVC) and long (CVCe) Final /k/ spelled -ck, -ke, -k</p> <p>Long Vowels Patterns CVCe and CVVC Short a(cvc) and long a(CVCe and CVVC-ai) Short o(cvc) and long o(CVCe and CVVC-oa) Short u(cvc) and long u(CVCe and CVVC) Short e(cvc) and long e(CVVC) Review CVVC patterns, ai,oo,ee,ea,oa Short a(cvc) and long a(CVCe, CVVC-ai, Open-ay) Long o (CVCe,CVVC-oa,CVV-ow,VCC) Short u(CVC)and Long u (Open syllable ew,ue) Short e (CVC and CVVC) and Long e (CVVC) Short i (CVC) and Long i (CVCe,VCC-igh, CV open-y) Patterns and Sounds spelled with ie and ei</p>			<p>R-influenced Vowels Short a and o with ar and or ar,are,air er,ear,eer ir,ire,ier or,ore, oar ur, ure, ur-e Review ar,ear,or</p> <p>Diphthongs oi,oy ou,ow</p> <p>Vowel Digraph Oo</p> <p>Ambiguous Vowels aw,au wa,ai,ough</p>			<p>Beginning and Ending Complex Consonants kn-,wr-,gn- scr-,str-,spr- thr-,shr-, squ-, spi- Hard and soft c and g -ce,-ve,-se,-ze -dge,-ge -tch,-ch</p> <p>Homophones and Homographs</p>		

3rd Grade		4th Grade		5th Grade	
Syllables and Affixes			Derivational Relations		
Early	Middle	Late	Basic	Advanced	
<p>Inflected Endings -ing with VC and VCC -ing with VCe and VCC -ed (Double/e-drop/no change) Unusual past-tense words -es,-s Unusual plurals -y +inflected endings</p> <p>Compound Words</p>	<p>Syllable Juncture VCV and VCCV Patterns VCV and VVCV Patterns VCCCV and VV Patterns Open/Closed Syllables and Inflected Endings</p> <p>Long-Vowel Patterns in Accented Syllables Long a Long i Long o Long u oo and u_e Short and Long e</p> <p>Other Vowels in Accented Syllables oy/oi and ou/ow au/aw/al r-influenced a r-influenced o Words with w or /w/ before the vowel r-influenced er, ir, ur in first syllables r-influenced er, ear, ere, eer in accented syllables</p> <p>Unaccented Syllables Unaccented Final syllable -ie Unaccented Final syllable /ai/ spelled -le,-ei,-il,-al Unaccented Final syllable /ai/ spelled -er,-ar,-or Agents and comparatives Final syllable /ar/ spelled -cher,-ture,-sure,-ure Unaccented Final syllable /an/ spelled -en,-on,-an,-ain Unaccented Final syllable /at/ spelled -et,-it,-ate Final -y,-ey, and -ie Unaccented initial syllable a-,de-,be-</p> <p>Exploring Consonants Initial Hard and Soft c and g Final -s and Soft c and g More words with g /k/ spelled -ck, -ic, and -x /kw/ and /k/ spelled qu Words with silent consonants Words with gh and ph</p>	<p>Affixes Prefixes re-, Un- Prefixes dis-, mis-, pre- Prefixes ex-, non-, in-, fore- Prefixes uni-, bi-, tri- and other numbers Suffixes -y, -ly, -ily Comparatives -er,-est Suffixes -ness, -ful, -less</p> <p>Miscellaneous Sorts Homophones Homographs l before e Except After c</p>	<p>Suffixes and Prefixes Suffixes -ment,-less,-ness Prefixes un-, in-, dis-, mis- Adjective Suffixes -ful, -ous, -ious Suffixes -ary, -ery, -ory Suffixes -al, -ial, -ic</p> <p>Spelling-Meaning Patterns 1 Adding -ion to base words Adding -ion and ian Adding -ion (drop e) Consonant Alternation-silent and sounded Vowel Alternation: Long to Short Vowel Alternation Long to Short or /ə/</p> <p>Latin and Greek Words Part 1 spect, port dic, aud tele-, phon-, photo-, -graph-</p> <p>Spelling-Meaning Patterns 2 Adding suffix -ity: Vowel Alternation (ə/ to short) Adding Suffixes: Vowel Alternation (spelling change) Adding suffix -ation: Vowel Alternation (spelling change)</p> <p>Latin and Greek Word Parts 2 gress,rupt, tract, mot ject, man, cred scrib/script, fac, struct, vid/vis duc/duct, ver/vert, fer Intra-, inter-, intro-, circu,</p> <p>Spelling-Meaning Patterns 3 Adding suffix -ent/-ence, -ant/-ance Adding Suffixes -able, -ible Adding -able and -ible (e-drop, y to i) Prefix Assimilation: in- Accent and Doubling</p>	<p>Latin and Greek Word Parts 3 <i>Number Prefixes</i> mono-,uni-,bi-,tri- quadr-, quint-, pent-, oct-,cent-</p> <p><i>Greek and Latin Elements</i> cap, ped, corp</p> <p><i>Greek and Latin Word Roots</i> gen, mort, onym</p> <p><i>Latin Roots</i> sect, junct, spir</p> <p><i>Latin Word Roots</i> jud, leg, flu</p> <p><i>Greek and Latin Word Roots</i> voc, ling, mem,psych</p> <p><i>Latin Roots</i> press, pur/purg, fus, pend pos, loc,sist, sta/stat/stit</p> <p><i>Predictable Spelling Changes</i> ceiv/cep, tain/ten, nounce/nunc</p> <p>Prefix Assimilation Com-,col-,con-; ad-, ob-,sub</p>	