



Parent Pipeline



CAFÉ Strategy: Practice Common Sight Words and High-Frequency Words

Has your child brought home a list of sight words to review? Many of these sight words are irregular and do not follow a decoding pattern or rule. We encourage children to recognize these words by sight so they are able to read them quickly and understand what they read. Knowledge of sight words is crucial to a reader's success in fluency and comprehension. Use the following suggestions to help your child become a successful reader.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. Become aware of the sight words your child is currently learning. Then, when reading, focus on one or two of these words. Have your child play detective and find these words in their reading.
2. Remember that repetition and practice is invaluable. Review sight words with your child for a few minutes each night.
3. Create a game of "sight word memory" using index cards. Look for pairs of words that match, reading each card as you turn it over.
4. Using old newspapers or magazines give your child a highlighter and have him/her highlight words recognized by sight.
5. Have your child write a sight word on an index card. Then, cut the letters apart. See if your child is able to piece them back together.
6. Create a game of sight word "Go Fish". After grasping the concept of the game, only count matches that can be read. 😊

Thank you for your continued support at home!

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