

Highlighting Misspelled Words

After your child has done a piece of writing or their spellings, have them take a highlighter and mark the words they think they may have misspelled. This allows them to recognize their own mistakes and find the correct spellings.

Spelling Bingo!

Pass out a piece of blank paper to your child. Have them fold it in half twice and in half again the other way 2 times. Once unfolded, you should have a total of 16 squares. Children copy their spelling words- one in each square. (Note: All words may not all be used.) Don't forget to use one of your squares as a FREE space! Pass out some kind of "marker" to use. (beans, pennies, math blocks, etc.) Call out each word and spell it. Children mark their boards accordingly. Once a child has "Bingo", they must spell out their words to gain the prize. Repeat for several rounds. Children can't get enough of this old-fashioned game!

Recording Spelling Words

Try getting your child to record their voices spelling out their spellings. They must spell each word aloud letter by letter. Then throughout the week, children are encouraged to listen to their recordings and spell the words aloud in unison with his or her voice recording.

Magic Keyboards for Spelling

Make a large copy of a computer keyboard. When it's time for spelling practice, pass out the keyboard and have your child "type" away their spelling words! Have them posted on the wall for all to see and challenge them to type each word 3 times. Walk around as they are "typing" to be sure that they are all taking this seriously. This really is a great spelling activity as it gets your child thinking letter by letter and concentrating on what follows.

Spelling Speedway

On cardboard, create a generic race track. Game pieces include little toy cars, one for each player, and one die. The students need a list of the week's spelling words. Players roll to see who goes first. Once that is decided, the player is given a spelling word. If they get it correct, they roll the die and move that many spaces. If they get the word wrong they stay where they are. (Siblings might have 2 lanes on their track and can race each other to the finish)

Spelling Scramble

Children use scrabble cubes to make their spelling words. After they make a word, they must record how many "points" the word was worth. They can determine which words were worth the most and least. This activity is an easy way to check that your children are really making and spelling their words. (Can also be done with fridge magnets!)

PowerPoint Spelling

Use a PowerPoint® presentation on your computer (or similar on an iPad) to flash the spelling words for the week across the screen. If you have a microphone attached to your computer, you can record your voice saying and spelling the words. Move away from the computer and test to see what they remember!

Look online for any more ideas!