

Dear Parents,

Your child's spelling program may be different from what you've come to expect as "spelling." Instead of weekly lists of words to memorize, this program emphasizes the learning of important words, not for a Friday test, but for a lifetime of spelling in the real world – that is spelling correctly in writing.

This lifetime spelling ability grows over time. It grows through skill instruction (phonics, word origin, spelling rules, usage, etc.), through your child's everyday writing and through word study on specific words your child has not yet mastered. Your child will have five new CORE WORDS to learn each week but will be consistently reviewing words learned from previous lessons and previous grades. The weekly lessons extend student learning well beyond the core words; for example, short/long vowels, compounds, spelling patterns, etymologies, prefixes/suffixes, vocabulary development, often confused words, contractions, eponyms, apostrophes, homophones, punctuation, etc. Word learning is extensive in Rebecca Sitton and emphasizes learning *about words* as well as correct spelling.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call or stop in our classroom to discuss Rebecca Sitton Spelling with me.

Sincerely,

