

What is a Sight Word?

What is a "sight word"?

Sight words are the most frequently used words in the English language. Many sight words do not follow the phonetic rules, so children cannot sound them out. In addition, many sight words cannot be picture-associated. Therefore, it is important that children learn to recognize these words "on sight" without hesitation.

Why do children need to learn sight words?

50% to 80% of our everyday conversations and readings revolve around sight words. When children know these sight words "on sight" without hesitation, they have a strong base to begin reading. When children do not recognize basic sight words, they are much more likely to stumble through every word in a sentence, and the meaning is lost by the time they get to the period. When children possess a strong sight word base, most of their attention can be focused on comprehension, rather than just decoding.

Mastering sight words means children are prepared to read fifty to eighty percent of the story before they even open the book!

What is our goal?

Our goal is 100% by the end of May of 1st Grade.