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Individualized Spelling in Second Grade

Hello families,

Next week we will begin individualized spelling in second grade. You can look for lists to come home next Monday. Spelling “show you knows” will be on Friday. A spelling choice board will also come home Monday and is due back Friday. Students will choose ways to practice their weekly words at home from the choice board and return it signed on Friday by both the student and an adult. We will also practice our words at school.

I wanted to give you some information on how individualized spelling will work so you will know how individual words are chosen and what to expect. I hope that this will allow students to individually practice the words and word patterns they need the most work with. Let me know if you have any questions. Here are some things to know:

- We have been taking spelling pretests to assess our current spelling skills and we will continue to take pretests from time to time so that we can make sure our individual target spelling words make sense for each student
- Each child’s weekly words will be pulled from missed words on pretests, word patterns that were missed on pretests, and also sometimes from their writing
- Words will be assigned on Monday, practiced throughout the week, and assessed with a “show you know” on Friday
- Your child’s weekly words will be recorded by them in their planner each Monday
- I will send a report home Friday showing you how your child did on their weekly “show you know”
- We will use technology to help us assess 23 kids individually
- If a child misses a spelling word on the “show you know” it will reappear on the following week’s list where it will stay until they get it correct on the “show you know”
- Past individual words will be periodically reassessed on pretests to make sure the student has retained the spelling which means a word from the past may reappear on your child’s weekly list in the future if needed
- I would love your feedback at any time on this process- I’m trying this process out this year in order to better differentiate our spelling needs and will tweak it as we see how it goes

Thanks so much,

Ms. Kelli