Bag Words

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our Kindergarten Home Reading Program your child will receive Bag Words.

The Bag Words Program involves your child bringing home a bag with a list of sight words in it. This year Kindergarten will be using the Magic 100 Words, which are divided into colour groups. Every child will be given the same words to begin with. Whenever possible revise these sight words with your child (see the list of suggested activities below). When they have learnt all words send the empty bag back to school. I will test your child on the words. They must correctly read all words on the first attempt before they will be given the next list words. It is important that you still revise all words with your child, not just the new words.

There is no set time frame to learn the words, however a new set of words every 2-3 weeks, depending on the list, would be a good guide.

Approximately once or twice a term your child will be tested on the words he/she has learnt. If they have difficulty on any of these words, I will put a note in their bag to let you know which ones need further revision.

Finally, this is supposed to be fun learning. If your child is tired or not interested, do not push them. The last thing we want to do is turn them off reading. Refer to these activities as Word Games, rather than learning their sight words.

Suggested "Bag Words" Activities

You will be given 2 sets of words. Cut them up so you can play the following games:

- Snap- have child say each word as they put them on the pile.
- Memory- all cards upside down on table, take turns in turning 2 cards over at a time until you have a match. Have your child say each word as they turn them over.
- Go Fish- the traditional card game, “Do you have a mum card?”
- Bingo- Write words on Bingo cards and have the child pick them up from the pile and say them out loud. Mark off the word if it is on your grid.

Other Activities

- Magazine and Newspaper- have your child look through a small segment of a newspaper or magazine text to highlight particular words from their bag.
- Cut letters out of the newspaper and paste onto a sheet of paper to make a word from the list.
- Sentence- Ask them to say a sentence using a bag word in it, you write down the sentence and ask them to circle the bag word in the sentence. They can also have a go writing the word.
- Magnetic letters- if you have magnetic letters, have your child make the words on the fridge.

Remember to make this time a happy and relaxed experience.

Yours sincerely

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