

Dear Parents,

Sight Words are words that make up 50-70% of all texts. Many of these words do not follow commonly taught phonics rules and cannot be sounded out. The only way a child can read these words is to recognize them by sight. Knowing these words by sight will make your child a faster and more fluent reader. Therefore, I strongly recommend that you practice the following sight word strategies at home. Thank you for helping your child become a better reader!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Lomaga  
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### Strategies To Practice At Home

#### **1. Letter Tiles or Magnetic Tiles**

-Have your child create sight words using magnetic letters or tiles. Call out a word and have your child create the word with the letters while saying the word.

#### **2. Say It, Write It, Draw It, Read It**

-Have your child say and write a sentence using the sight word. Then, have your child draw a picture to go with the sentence. Lastly, have your child read the sentence.

#### **3. Sight Word Hunt**

-Have your child go on a sight word hunt in old newspapers or magazines. He/She can highlight, circle, or cut out the sight words.

#### **4. Write It Out**

-Have your child practice writing sight words using different color markers while saying the word.

#### **5. Sight Word Index Cards**

-Place sight words on index cards or sticky notes and place on walls throughout the house. Have your child read the word each time he/she sees it.

#### **6. Sight Word Hangman**

-Put a blank for each letter of the word and have your child guess letters until he/she correctly guesses the word. Then, reverse roles.

#### **7. Sight Word Concentration**

-Write the same sight word on separate cards twice and place all the cards upside down, in rows on the table. Your child turns over a word, reads it and tries to find the matching word. If the word matches, he/she keeps the cards and gets another turn. If the words do not match, he/she turns it back over. Parent then follows the same step. After all the cards are picked, tally up to find the winner.

#### **8. Spy A Word**

-Place a few sight word flashcards in front of your child. Give your child clues to figure out which word you are thinking about. Example: I spy a word that starts with (say letter sound).

