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Dear Families,

As we begin our first full week of school, you may notice an increase in homework assignments each night. One of the most important assignments for your child is to **read 20 minutes nightly**. It is so beneficial for reading progress to have independent reading time, when students can choose their own reading material to enjoy. In addition to Math, there may also be a Reading, Science or Social Studies assignment. This work reflects the content your child is learning at school, and assignments will be listed on your child’s homework assignment sheet each night.

This week, we will start our Word Study (Spelling) routines. All students will have the same list at the beginning of the year as we practice topics and patterns that will be beneficial to all of our spellers. Later in the year, students will have different spelling lists to best meet specific needs. Each Monday, we will examine the new topic or pattern for our spelling words, and work together to create a Spelling list for the week. Your child will come home with a new Spelling List and the gold Spelling Homework chart each Monday.

**Please record the at-home Spelling Activity chosen by your child each night, and return the gold chart on Thursday.** For example:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| DATE | ACTIVITY | PARENT SIGNATURE |
| MONDAY |  |  |
| TUESDAY |  |  |
| WEDNESDAY |  |  |

**You do not need to return the paperwork for the at-home Spelling Activity during the week.** Spelling Homework Options are attached for reference. Please visit spellingcity.com and the “Word Study” page of our website, which offer great methods for your child to practice and learn words each week. We will be doing Word Work to practice during the school day as well.

Thank you for your assistance in helping your child’s Word Study progress!