

# Letter to the Family

## Important High-Frequency Words for Emergent and Early Readers

Dear Family,

Please help your child learn to read these words quickly and easily. I will send home a few words at a time to practice. When your child knows these, I will send home another short list to learn. We are reading and writing these words in many books and rhymes at school, too.

Try these steps:

1. **READ:** Work with one new word at a time. If your child doesn't know the word, read and have your child repeat it. Help your child use known letter sounds to read the word.
2. **TOUCH AND SPELL:** Have your child touch and name each letter in the word. Then read the word.
3. **READ AND BUILD:** Give your child plastic letters or letter cards. Have your child build the word from left to right and read the word again.
4. **MIX AND FIX:** Have your child read the word, mix up the plastic letters or letter cards, and then build the word again from left to right. Have your child point and read the word, moving a pointer finger under the word from left to right.
5. **WRITE:** Have your child look at the word card, read it, turn it over, and write the word from left to right using dry erase materials or a pencil and paper.
6. **FIND THE WORD:** Ask your child to be on the lookout for this word as you read books together or look at print around your home. You might even hide the word and have your child be on the lookout to read it when it's found! This is fun to do after your child knows several words.