

## ***Tips for Parents***

***Automatic recognition*** of sight words (words that do not follow phonetic spelling patterns) improves reading fluency and comprehension. We want our students to be able to recognize and read these irregularly spelled words with automaticity. Sight words include the word wall words that your child brings home each week.

Some ideas to help your child make mental connections to the words include:

1. Find them in recipes, books, the newspaper, etc...
2. Watch for them on billboards and in public places.
3. Make a salt box and write them in the salt.
4. Rainbow color or paint the words.
5. Shaving cream, pudding, and clay or play dough are other examples of “making” the words.
6. Make up songs (say/spell the words in a singing rhythm), jump rope spell the words, and simple drill and practice for memorization will help your child to learn these sight words by ***automatic recognition***.

We hope that these parenting tips support you as you support your child. Watch for more tips on literacy and math. You can find weekly tips on our Stapleton website and on our Stapleton Facebook page. When we work together as a team, our students flourish and excel.

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