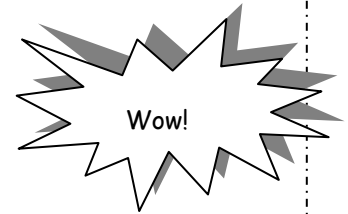


Word Wizards !



Our Weekly Spelling Cycle

Name: _____ Date: _____

Each week we use our text books to test ourselves on a set of words to find out what we already know. This is our **Pretest**. We do it on a fresh page on the right side of our notebooks.

After the pretest is complete we correct it by ourselves and make a new list for Friday Dictations. This is our **Personal Word Up List**. We make it by taking the mistakes from the pretest and adding extra words from the word chart I post on the board to make a total of 15 words to practice for that week. This means that everyone may have a slightly different list but that is not a problem since we take dictations in pairs. This list appears on the other side of the Pretest page so that we can add other word study activities in 3 columns beside it across the two "splash" pages.

Using the Personal Word Up List, we do four regular activities:

1. **Alphabetical Order**

On the same page as the Personal Word up list, rearrange those words so that they are in alphabetical order by first letter (or second, or third for matches). Write them in a column.

2. **Syllabication**

Using claps, chin drops or a dictionary break up the alphabetical order words into syllables on the next page in a new column.

3. **Derivatives**

A derivative is a word that is related to the Personal Word Up list word because it shares a root word.

For example, the word "international" has the root word "nation" in it. Some derivatives of international could be:

- nationalism
- transnational
- internationalist
- nation-building

I want to encourage word exploration so I will accept a wide range of possible derivatives. You can find derivatives easily in a dictionary by looking at the end of a word's definition or by looking over the words in the dictionary before and after the word "international" or even "nation". Usually good derivatives are formed by adding suffixes or prefixes.

4. **Sentences**

Each word should be written in a good sentence that explains the meaning of the word. Underline the word used in the sentence.