Did you know?

Fry Words- are the most common words in English, ranked in frequency order. The first 25 make up about a third of all printed material. The first 100 make up about half of all written material, and the first 300 make up about 65 percent of all written material.

By the end of 1st grade your child is expected to read 225 words accurately and with fluency.

Materials needed:

- Crayon
- Sand Paper
- Handwriting Paper
- Pencil

Directions to practice Activity #1:

1. Present the whole word to your child by showing the word and giving an example of when the word can be used in a sentence.

2. Place the paper on the screen. With the crayon students copy the word on the paper to create “bumps” for a tactile experience, and naming each letter as they do.

3. **All students raise their writing hands in the air and place on their opposite shoulder. With the hand that is free, students hold the word and arm tap the letters in the word, verbalizing each letter as they progress down (or up) the arm. They will underline the word from the top of the shoulder to their wrist. This process is done three times.

4. Then place the paper on the desk and trace the bumps with their index fingers while verbalizing the letter name. Then, say the entire word while underlining. Again, this process is done three times.

5. Next, students write the word on their sand paper with their fingers, verbalizing the letter name. Then state the entire word while underlining , repeating this process three times. Students are looking at the word for visual reinforcement.

6. Now flip over the paper and on the back write the word three times without a visual cue.

7. Last, either you or your child can write a sentence using the word and underlining the word. This sentence should help your child remember this word quickly. A visual should be drawn to help your child remember this word.

Directions to practice Activities #2:

Coin Toss / Beanbag Toss

Place selected word cards on the floor face up.

Children toss a coin or beanbag onto a word and then say that word.

Flashlight Words

Have your chosen word cards on display.

Turn off the lights and use a flashlight to flash on each word card.

Children say the word as you flash on them.

Bingo

Make cards with high frequency words with which your student needs more help. Say the words out loud . Check that the student recognizes the words you say by having them put the coin or bean on the correct word.