Dear Families,

This is the first list of star word or “high frequency/common words” that we want kindergarten students to know. The students will have 3 lists of start words this year. Students will be expected to know all of the words on the attached list, star word list 1, by the **2nd 9 weeks report card (January).** Please review these words with your child at home. The better he/she knows the words, the more the words can be applied purposefully in the classroom. Here are some ideas for learning the words:

1. Write the words in salt (on a cookie tray)
2. Write the words on index cards and hide them around your child’s bedroom, have him/her find the cards
3. Play tic tac toe with the words
4. Have him/her read the words to your pet
5. Sort the words by how many letters each word has
6. Sort the words by the beginning letter/sound
7. Write the words on a dry erase board
8. **Find the words when reading a book to your child**
9. Write the words with soapy bubbles in the bathtub
10. Write the words on index cards and cut the words up (like a puzzle), have your child put the letters back together to make the word

One of the most important things when working with your child is to make sure he/she is having FUN! Reading is SO important! Drilling the words over and over without adding fun will not start your child off with a positive reading experience. It **IS** important, though, that your child knows these words. Many of these words can’t be sounded out, and I tell the students that. These words will be found in **MANY** of the little reading books your child will read this year, so it is important to practice them. I would recommend working with your child 2-3 times during the week on the words.

Thank you for your help!

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