

THE POWER OF SIGHT WORDS

Why are sight words so important? Sight words are words that don't typically follow a phonics pattern therefore, they can't be "sounded out". Sight words are words we must know from memory. If your child has a large repertoire of sight word knowledge their overall reading fluency will improve, which will in turn improve overall comprehension. There are many different ways to learn sight words, here are a few ideas! If you'd like a list of appropriate sight words for your child don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

- **Fridge Flash:** Tape sight words to the refrigerator, read them every time you are in the kitchen.
- **Stamp Them:** Use alphabet stamps to stamp out sight words, then read them.
- **Magnetic Letters:** Use magnetic letters to spell sight words on the refrigerator or any magnetic surface, then read them.
- **Popsicle Words:** Write sight words on popsicle sticks. Pull sticks out of a can, see how many you can read.
- **Finger paint:** Pour some finger paint on a plate. Use your finger (or have your child use theirs) to write the sight word and have your child read it.
- **Snowball Fight:** Crumple sight word cards into a ball. Have a snowball fight! Pick up snowballs and see how many you can read!
- **Chalk Words:** Write sight words with chalk on the driveway. Have your student hop from word to word, reading them aloud.
- **Word Swat:** Put sight word cards on a table, call out a word and have your student swat it with a fly swatter or slap it with their hand.

