

## Sight Word learning ideas

- Websites with great ideas to help practice sight words/etc.:
  - Pinterest or Google
  - <http://www.sightwords.com/sight-words/lessons>
  - <https://www.curiousworld.com/blog/sight-word-games>

\*You can use these ideas for ANY skill. Sight word cards are sent home on Friday in your child's folder. Find any skill cards at the Dollar Store, Amazon, Target, or make them.\*

\*Letter identification/sounds- use letter cards\*    \*Sight words- use sight word cards\*

\*Number identification- use number cards\*    \*Fry Phrases/Reading sentences- Fry phrase cards\*

\*Addition fact fluency- use addition cards\*

## MOVEMENT activities:

- Bowling- Use empty or half full water bottles/soda bottles or empty cups as the pins. Tape/hook sight word cards or write the words on the bottles/cups. Have your child roll a ball or rolled up sock to knock down the pins. Your child should read the words that they knock down, run get the ball, remove the knocked down bottles/cups, run back, and repeat.
- Beach ball throw- Tape sight word cards on a beach ball/other ball. Have your child throw the ball up into the air and then catch the ball. Have your child read the word that their pointer finger or thumb points to or is closest to.
- Frisbee throw- Tape/position sight words in several places where you will play Frisbee. Have your child throw the Frisbee to you/a position. Have your child run to the Frisbee and read the word that is closest to where it landed.
- Soccer kick/Kickball- Tape or position sight words in several places where you will play soccer/kickball. Have your child run to get the ball, read the word that is closest to where the ball lands, and then repeat.
- Scavenger hunt- Hide the sight word cards around the house. Tell your child a place to look or tell your child a clue of where to look (Ex: You sleep in this room. \*kid's bedroom\*). Your child should look to find the word and bring the card to you. Have your child read the word and use the word in a verbal sentence. Repeat until all cards have been found.
- Hop-scotch- Use the sight word cards and spread them out on the floor or outside on a level surface. Call out a word and have your child play hop-scotch to retrieve the word. Have your child read the words when they pick it up off of the ground.
- Word Race- Place several word cards on the floor. Call out a word and see which family member can run to the word first.
- Cupcake throw- Put the cupcake liners in a cupcake pan. Toss a small pebble, coin, crumpled paper, or pom-pom. Have your child read the word. Take out the liner if the word was read correctly. If not, leave it in and try again.

- Hide a Word- Grab sight word cards and turn them over on the floor/table. Call out a word and have your child find the card. Your child should read every word they pick up. Once your child finds the word then tell them another word to find.
- Hide a Word 2- Lay sight word cards face up on the table or floor. Grab cups, toys, or household objects and cover the cards. Call out a word and have your child search for the card. Your child should read every word they pick up. Once your child finds the word then tell them another word.
- Flashlight Search/Ceiling Search- Tape the sight word cards on the ceiling or around the room. Have your child search with a flashlight in the room with the light off. If the words are on the ceiling then your child can lay on the bed or floor like they are looking at the stars. If the words are on the wall/other places then your child can pretend that they are searching for treasure in a dark cave. Have your child read the words they find.
- Random moves- Hold up a sight word. Have your child read the word. Tell your child a certain movement (jumping jacks, squats, sit ups, mountain climbers, push-ups, etc.) to do. You can time your child, tell your child a certain amount of the movement to do, or tell them to FREEZE when you are read to show them a new word.
- Build a Tower – Write a sight word on the bottom of Dixie cups. Show your child a cup. If he/she reads the sight word correctly he/she may begin building a tower. Add a cup to the tower for each sight word read correctly. Once all the sight words have been read correctly and the tower has been built, knock it down and start again!
- SWAT! – Write a difficult sight word on each circle (index card, sticky note, etc.). Please words face up on a table. Call out a word and your child should “swat” the word with a fly swatter, ruler, hand, etc. Keep all words on the table; do not remove the words you’ve called. This way, your child has to read all the words in order to find the word you called.
- Read and Open – Put a few difficult words on a door (garage, bedroom, and refrigerator). Before opening that door, your child must read the words on the door.

#### ART/DRAWING activities:

- Creation formation- Have your child create something out of the sight word. Write the word on a piece of paper. Have your child create a picture to help them remember the word. Go over the pictures/words with your child. Then try regular sight word cards.
- Side-walk chalk- Write the sight words in sidewalk chalk or with a paintbrush dipped in water.
- Bathtub crayons- Adult should write a sight word on the side of the bathtub. If your child can read the word then he/she gets to write the word. \*You can find Bathtub crayons at Walmart.\*
- Paint the sight words- Use watercolor or acrylic paint on construction paper or poster board.

- Ghost Words/Magic sight words- Write the sight words with a white crayon on a white piece of paper. Grab some watercolor paint and have your child paint the paper. Have your child read each sight word when your child discovers the words.
- Word formation- Find letter cereal, pasta, etc. Spell the sight words using the food items.
- Word formation 2- Find Popsicle sticks, straws, crayons, colored pencils, or dry spaghetti to form the sight words in the floor or on a table.
- Rainbow Write- Use one crayon/pen/colored pencil to write a sight word. Use a different color crayon/pen/colored pencil on top of the first crayon writing. Use about 5-6 different colors. The word should look like a rainbow word.
- Rainbow Write 2- Use a pencil to write a word. Trace over it with a pen. Trace again with a marker. Trace it again with colored pencil or crayon.
- Refrigerator Word Creator- Use magnet letters and make sight words on the refrigerator. Have your child read the words that they make.
- Bingo- Make a Bingo sheet on paper or use [abcy.com](http://abcy.com) Sight Word Bingo.
- Dominoes- Make Dominoes out of paper/index card. Write two different words on each end of paper/index card. Make sure that you have a matching word for each end on another card. Give your child all of the papers/index cards. Have your child match up the words.
- Sand/Salt write- Put salt or sand on a baking tray or in a crayon box. Show your child a sight word. Have your child write the word in the sand/salt with their finger or with an unsharpened pencil.
- Squishy bags – Squirt paint or hair gel into a Ziploc bag. Seal the bag and put that bag into another bag and tape the top shut. Use a Q-tip to write sight words on the outside of a bag.
- Squishy bags 2- Prepare bags as described above. On a piece of paper, write sight words your child needs to learn. Place the squishy bag on the paper. Your child will gently press on the bag causing the paint to move. Sight words will magically appear! Read and write the sight word!
- Winter Snowball Sight words- Write sight words on papers/index cards/etc. and crumple the papers. Put the crumpled papers in a certain place (floor, bucket, etc.). Set a timer or be read to say FREEZE and then have a “snowball fight”. Throw the crumpled papers back and forth. Have your child unfold the words and read the sight words when the timer alarms or when you say FREEZE.
- Easter egg hunt- Put sight word cards/strips in plastic eggs. Hide the eggs in a room, your house, or outside on a pretty day. Have your child find the eggs. Have your child open and read the sight words in the eggs.
- Santa’s gift game- Put sight word cards in a bag/box. Have your child pretend to be Santa. Have your child pass out the words to you/stuffed animals. Have your child read the words when they are passed out.