

Spelling...What Do We Know?

There are many strategies that good spellers use to help them learn to spell new words. These are strategies that I emphasize in class and they can be used at home for spelling practice as well.

Spelling Strategies that Work:

- Look for patterns and word parts
- Stretch out the word slowly and listen for all the sounds
- Try several ways to write a word
- Try and picture the word
- Write as much of the word as you can and leave blank spaces for the parts you don't know
- Write sounds you hear
- Write at least one vowel in each syllable
- Think about words that sound the same
- Think about words that look the same
- Circle any words that might be misspelled
- Ask, does the word *look* right, *sound* right, *and* make sense?
- Practice writing the words
- Use words around the room etc. to help (dictionary, word wall)
- Ask someone if you can't figure it out
- Proofread for spelling

