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Dear Families,

Beginning this week, how we do spelling here in fourth and fifth grade will look completely different. Your student will no longer have a weekly list nor will he or she complete a weekly spelling test. Instead, your student will keep a running list of words that they will be responsible for learning. These words will be assigned at your student's individual spelling level. Over time, they will master words and add new words to their list.



Students will be assessed over their word lists periodically in order to determine which words have been mastered and which words require more attention. Students will be graded on these assessments and on spelling in their daily activities. How much time they devote to mastering their words outside of class is completely up to them.

We will be spending the next week or so completing a series of pretests to determine your student's individual spelling level. From there, we will begin to work from individual spelling lists.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we develop this new spelling system. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Mrs. McRae