

Word Study Expectations

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Observer: _____

Definition of Word Study: Word Study provides students with opportunities to investigate and understand patterns within words as well as understanding the link between English spelling and meaning. Knowledge of these patterns means that students do not need to learn one word at a time. (Reading Rockets, 2015). It is also designed to build word knowledge that can be applied to both reading and spelling. (Henderson, 1992.)

Materials:

- Letter Manipulatives** (magnetic, printed paper, on popsicle sticks, on wooden blocks, etc.)
- Word Part Manipulatives** (magnetic, printed paper, on popsicle sticks, on wooden blocks, etc)
- Organizers for Manipulatives:** Pocket charts, Elkonin boxes, cookie sheets, paper, chart paper etc.

Optional: White Boards Markers Sticky Notes Word Study Notebooks
 Desktop and iPad applications Anchor charts Games Word Sorts

Environment/Organization

- Word Strategy Anchor Charts (large and small) Word Wall Small Group Area for Center Work/Instruction
- Organized Word Study Materials Routines/Procedures Data and Data Management System

Word Study Structure:

- Spelling Stage Assessment for each student and recording sheet--initial, progress monitoring and final

Structure: (varies)

- Large group to small group
- Gradual release model
- Shared whole-group instruction/modeling (sorts, making and breaking words, chunking, meaning/spelling associations sorts)
- Guided practice (students work with a partner, group or teacher-monitored)
- Chunk search within text, making words, sorting, writing by analogy,

Extending Understanding (optional):

Reading

- Vocabulary instruction using word parts (derivational relations)
- Model the use of spelling chunks for decoding within context

Writing

- Model use of individual chunk charts during modeled and shared writing--gradual release
- Provide “practice” white boards or paper to check spelling visually

What the other students are doing: (During the Word Study part of the ELA Block)

- Practicing their own word sorts
- Word study notebooks
- Word study games
- Word study apps
- Word study websites

Reflection: (Teacher)

Personal Goal: (Teacher)

Feedback: