



Word Study: **AUGUST 15 – AUGUST 19**

Skill Focus:

Prefix: An affix added to the beginning of a word that changes its meaning.
(un = not, re = again)

A practice test will be given on August 26th. This will not be graded but will give children a chance to preview what their word study tests will look like each week.

Sight Words

come	there
come	where
of	could
for	would
from	should

Example Words

unafraid

unclear

undo

unfair

reheat

recycle

refreeze

reread

Example Dictation Sentences

1. I was unhappy I lost my green pencil.
2. They had to rebuild their big house.



Word Study: **AUGUST 22 – AUGUST 26**

Skill Focus:

Short Vowels

When a single vowel in a syllable is followed by a consonant, the vowel usually has a short sound.

Test Date: August 26

Sight Words

of	and
for	both
from	by
said	call
all	the

Example Words

skunk	judge
bench	sunset
plastic	patch
problem	plots
hidden	split

Example Dictation Sentences

1. How much bread do you want for breakfast?
2. I cannot wait until it is hot this summer!



Word Study: **AUGUST 29– SEPTEMBER 2**

Skill Focus:

Long /a/

This week we will be focusing on the spelling patterns that make /a/ say its name rather than its sound (a_e, ai, ay, a).

Test Date: September 2

Sight Words

was water

sdw no

too right

never is

wash into

Example Words

able

became

afraid

raise

indicate

chase

hooray

stay

Tuesday

lazy

Example Dictation Sentences

1. Are you able to run in the race today?
2. She will explain on Monday why she was so late.



Word Study: **SEPTEMBER 6 – SEPTEMBER 9**

Skill Focus:

Long /o/ and Long /u/

This week we will be focusing on the spelling patterns that make o and u say their name rather than their sounds.

Test Date: September 9

Sight Words

once	better
one	bring
want	because
also	if
another	new

Example Words

float	continue
tomorrow	menu
broken	few
obey	argue
hope	united

Example Dictation Sentences

1. A boat can float on the lake.
2. I read a few good books this summer.



Word Study: **SEPTEMBER 12– SEPTEMBER 16**

Skill Focus:

Long /e/

This week we will be focusing on the spelling patterns that make /e/ say its name rather than its sound (e_e, ea, ee, ey, y, ie, e).

Test Date: September 16

Sight Words

there	any
their	blue
they	away
about	before
always	found

Example Words

really
either
cheese
monkey
only

piece
complete
medium
gene
heater

Example Dictation Sentences

1. He has been walking their dog over there lately.
2. The monkey swung from the tree.



Word Study: **SEPTEMBER 19– SEPTEMBER 23**

Skill Focus:

Long /i/

This week we will be focusing on the spelling patterns that make /i/ say its name rather than its short vowel sound (i_e, igh, y, ie, i).

Test Date: September 23

Sight Words

could	number
would	came
should	same
ask	out
around	our

Example Words

decide

spy

pilot

silent

untie

night

shy

cries

frighten

bright

ties

polite

pie

Example Dictation Sentences

1. I like to read a book by myself.
2. We will learn about the weather in science.
3. She always tries her best.



Word Study: **SEPTEMBER 26 – SEPTEMBER 30**

Skill Focus:

Compound Words

This week we will be focusing on the spelling of compound words. A compound word is formed when two words are combined to make a new word.

Test Date: September 30

Sight Words

again	after
are	them
wash	four
be	just
but	things

Example Words

homework	whatever	cardboard
underline	underwater	downhill
everyone	firefighter	classroom
sometimes	something	cupcake

Example Dictation Sentences

1. This box is made of brown cardboard.
2. I need something new to wear to school tomorrow.



Word Study: **OCTOBER 3 – OCTOBER 7**

Skill Focus:

r-Controlled Vowels

/är/, /ôr/

(ar, or, oar, ore)

This week we will be focusing on the spelling pattern of r-Controlled words with spellings of ar, or, oar, ore.

Test Date: October 7th

Sight Words

been	full
both	funny
water	through
round	today
then	together

Example Words

cart	starving	ornament
sort	forgot	forward
alarm	import	carnivore
charge	restart	postcard

Example Dictation Sentences

1. My alarm did not go off this morning.
2. I am always starving after I run.



Word Study: **OCTOBER 10 – OCTOBER 14**

Skill Focus:

r-Controlled Vowels

/ûr/

(er, ir, ur)

This week we will be focusing on the spelling pattern of r-Controlled words with spellings of er, ir, and ur.

Test Date: October 14th

Sight Words

buy	went
carry	white
were	does
know	light
cold	goes

Example Words

circus	return	dirty
summer	thirteen	third
serve	dangerous	sunburn
occur	caterpillar	adverb

Example Dictation Sentences

1. She saw a funny clown at the circus.
2. We will go swimming during the summer.



Word Study: **OCTOBER 17 – OCTOBER 21**

Skill Focus:
Closed Syllables

This week we will be focusing on the spelling of words with closed syllables. A closed syllable ends with a consonant. It often has a short vowel sound.

Test Date: October 21st

Sight Words

these	don't
those	done
word	each
only	every
open	even

Example Words

button	subject	minus
collect	suddenly	panda
lesson	except	robot
problem	basket	hello

Example Dictation Sentences

1. He lost the first button on his shirt.
2. We want to collect a few shells on the beach.



Word Study: **OCTOBER 24 – OCTOBER 28**

Skill Focus:

Open Syllables

This week we will be focusing on the spelling of words with open syllables. An open syllable ends with a vowel. It often has a long vowel sound.

Test Date: October 28th

Sight Words

that	myself
what	much
yellow	find
years	small
write	such

Example Words

because	locate	unit
decrease	open	potato
future	receive	donate
music	female	bonus

Example Dictation Sentences

1. I went the nurse because I hurt my knee.
2. Did you receive the birthday gift I sent you?



Word Study: **OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 4**

Skill Focus:

Consonant + le

This week we will be focusing on the spelling of words with consonant + le endings. When a word ends in -le, the consonant before it plus the letters -le form the last syllable.

Test Date: November 4th

Sight Words

which	here
this	down
other	her
part	has
own	have

Example Words

title	handle	bicycle
middle	needle	rattle
example	triple	bundle
table	tackle	gentle

Example Dictation Sentences

1. Please handle the carton of eggs carefully.
2. We can work together to tackle big problems.



Word Study: **NOVEMBER 7 – NOVEMBER 10**

Skill Focus:

Word Reading Assessment

This week's work study will look differently. Students will be asked to read words that follow the patterns we have been studying the past 6 weeks. This will be administered individually with the teacher and they will not be asked to spell.

Test Date: November 10th

This test will take place on Thursday due to Veterans Day on Friday.

Sight Words

Example Words

coach

because

problem

exhausted

decrease

circus

release

potatoes

return

handle

button

forgot

terrible

except

starving

Example Dictation Sentences

There will not be sentence dictation this week.



Word Study: **NOVEMBER 14 – NOVEMBER 18**

Skill Focus:

Vowel-Consonant-e Syllables

This week we will be focusing on the spelling of words with vowel-consonant-e syllables. When a vowel is followed by a single consonant and the letter e, the e is usually silent, and the vowel sound before the e is usually long.

Test Date: November 18th

Sight Words

there	again
where	are
people	been
upon	brown
under	black

Example Words

desire	telephone	globe
enclosed	whole	dislike
surprise	huge	throne
recognize	extreme	slice

Example Dictation Sentences

1. People have a desire to be happy.
2. It was a big surprise when I got a new bike.



Word Study: **NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 2**

Skill Focus:
Vowel-r Syllables

This week we will be focusing on the spelling of words with vowel-r syllables.

When the letter r follows a vowel, it changes the vowel, it changes the vowel sound. The vowel is neither long nor short. Some r-controlled vowel spellings are ar, er, ir, or, and ur.

Test Date: December 2

Sight Words

who	different
through	do
many	to
ate	long
eight	look

Example Words

force	sturdy	record
pattern	mother	morning
perfect	over	party
squirm	perform	uproar

Example Dictation Sentences

1. People have a desire to be happy.
2. It was a big surprise when I got a new bike.



Word Study: **JANUARY 9 - 13**

Skill Focus:

Irregular Plurals

Plural forms of some nouns don't follow the usual rules for adding plural endings.

The word leaf ends with an f. Change the f to v and add -es to make leaves.

Test Date: January 13

Sight Words

of	good
for	kind
from	my
think	now
gave	give

Example Words

leaves	wolves	knives
women	lives	wives
people	geese	teeth
fungi	themselves	feet
children	thieves	loaves

Example Dictation Sentences

1. Mom and I are raking leaves in our backyard.
2. Wolves are mammals that hunt in packs.



Word Study: **JANUARY 17 - 20**

Skill Focus:

Long oo and Short oo

The oo in moon and the ew in grew stand for the long oo sound.

The oo in book and ou in could stand for the short oo sound.

Test Date: January 20th

Sight Words

was	put
sdw	read
or	said
over	seven
people	sing

Example Words

choose
loose
soup
fruit
foolish

good
lose
through
broom
chew

school
zoo
Wouldn't
foot
crooked

Example Dictation Sentences

1. The ring was loose and fell off my finger.
My teacher helped me choose a fable to read.



Word Study: **JANUARY 23-27**

Skill Focus:

Diphthongs /ou/ and /ow/

The /ou/ spelling usually occurs at the beginning or in the middle of words as in count and outcast and /ow/ usually occurs at the end of the words as in how and now or at the end of words followed by the letters n and l as in down and growl.

Test Date: January 27th

Sight Words

one	which
once	want
stop	warm
thank	was
were	big

Example Words

announce	crowd	mouse
around	found	owl
about	brown	shout
however	countdown	town
flower	loud	doghouse

Example Dictation Sentences

1. Three roosters walked around the yard.
2. I finally found the lost book I read over the break.



Word Study: **JAN. 30- FEB. 3**

Skill Focus:

Suffixes -er and -or

The suffixes -er and -or mean
"one who does something".

Test Date: Feb. 3

Sight Words

there	fly
their	ride
buy	way
best	hot
well	they

Example Words

emperor
character
visitor
inventor
soldier
actors

painters
players
farmer
actor
conductor

Example Dictation Sentences

1. The emperor ruled a large kingdom.
2. The main character in the book was a mouse..



Word Study: **FEB. 6-10**

Skill Focus:

Homophones

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.

Test Date: Feb. 10

Sight Words

could	day
would	time
should	show
of	like
keep	green

Example Words

board
bored
do
due
tail
tale

wood
would
wear
where
eight
ate

Example Dictation Sentences

1. The students read the tale of a mouse and dog.
2. I don't want to do the homework that's due tomorrow.



Word Study: **FEB. 13-17**

Skill Focus:

Variant Vowel /ô/

Variant vowels are groupings of letters that make the same vowel sound:
/au/, /aw/, /al/, /all/, /alk/,
/ough/, /augh/

Test Date: February 10th

Sight Words

come	live
some	give
done	other
does	many
grow	yes

Example Words

crawl	called
ought	taught
pause	bought
straws	stalk
pitfall	vault
thawing	small

Example Dictation Sentences

1. Babies can crawl before they can walk.
2. I called my friends to invite them to my house.



Word Study: FEB. 21-24

Skill Focus:

Hard and soft c- hard c makes the /c/ sound as in "cold". When c is followed by a, o, or u, the sound is usually hard.

Soft c makes the /s/ sounds as in cent. When c is followed by e, i, or y, the sound is usually soft.

Test Date: Feb. 24

Sight Words

done	place
eight	pick
made	try
make	sleep
start	six

Example Words

accent	certain
accidental	computer
cancel	innocent
concerned	scarf

Example Dictation Sentences

1. Mom is certain it will rain tomorrow.
2. The scarf kept the cold child warm as he waited for the bus.



Word Study: **FEB. 27-MARCH 3**

Skill Focus:

Hard and soft g- hard g makes the /g/ sound as in "game". When g is followed by a, o, or u, the sound is usually hard.
Soft g makes the /j/ sounds as in gem. When g is followed by e, i, or y, the sound is usually soft.

Sight Words

give	wish
live	will
have	we
walk	than
with	fast

Example Words

change
damage
gadget
again

germs
great
manage
revenge

Example Dictation Sentences

1. The manager of the store called over the intercom.
2. Her change was three dollars when she bought the books.



Word Study: **MARCH 13-17**

Skill Focus:

Diphthongs /ou/ and /oi/

The ou sound can be spelled ou or ow.
The oi sound can be spelled with the vowel
team oi or oy.

Test Date: March 17

Sight Words

these	put
those	five
was	help
must	why
pull	who

Example Words

annoying
appointment
browse
mountain

outside
powerful
sprout
moisture

Example Dictation Sentences

1. The sun made it very humid outside this morning.
2. The goat stood on the mountain and looked for food to eat.



Word Study: **MARCH 20-24**

Skill Focus:

Suffixes -able, -ful, and -less

-able: able to

-ful: full of

-less: without

Test Date: March 24

Sight Words

that

he

what

got

play

she

us

off

up

back

Example Words

doable

thankful

painless

valuable

playful

shapeless

sizable

restful

priceless

chewable

Example Dictation Sentences

*The teacher was helpful and gave us meaningful work.

*When was the wireless phone invented?



Word Study: **MARCH 27-31**

Skill Focus:

Prefixes: dis- and un-

Dis- not/opposite

Un- no/opposite

Test Date: March 31

Sight Words

which

its

this

not

those

sdw

go

say

jump

see

Example Words

dislike

unselfish

unclear

disappear

disrespect

unpack

unplug

disloyal

disconnect

unfold

Example Dictation Sentences

*The sisters disagree about the best snack.

*My dad was unlucky when he got hurt.



Word Study: **APRIL 3-6**

Skill Focus:

Prefixes: pre- and re-
Pre- before
Re- again

Test Date: April 6

Sight Words

fall	use
his	used
more	yes
please	then
take	when

Example Words

preteen
rebuild
pregame
replay

pregame
reunite
replay
preset

Example Dictation Sentences

*I went to preschool with my friends.

*When I don't understand, I need to reread the text.



Word Study: **APRIL 10-14**

Skill Focus:

Unaccented Final Syllables
-en, -on, -ain, -in

Test Date: April 10

Sight Words

far	very
hold	you
most	your
pretty	there
tell	where

Example Words

chosen
ribbon
fountain
curtain

dragon
gallon
dolphin
chin

Example Dictation Sentences

*How far away is the dolphin?
*I won a pretty blue ribbon for the pumpkin contest.



Word Study: **APRIL 17-21**

Skill Focus:

Suffixes
(-ing, -ment, -ness)

Test Date: April 21st

Sight Words

who	run
through	clean
Am	too
red	may
can	him

Example Words

amusement
improvement
sadness
warning
weakness

reaching
riding
teaching
brightness
payment

Example Dictation Sentences

- *He felt sadness when his vacation was over.
- *Who are we calling to help us with the payment?



Word Study: **APRIL 24-27**

Skill Focus:

Introduce Related Words

Test Date: April 27th
(Weather Day April 28th)

Sight Words

why

let

with

sit

as

had

get

man

cut

me

Example Words

predict

celebrate

predicting

celebrating

prediction

celebration

observe

pollute

observing

pollution

observation

Example Dictation Sentences

*Did you find a solution to the math problem?

*She wants to invent a new kind of robot invention.



Word Study:

Skill Focus:

Sight Words

Test Date:

Example Words

Example Dictation Sentences