



Dear Family,

This week Sight Word Practice is being added to your child's homework. They should study their words for **5-10** minutes with an **adult**. The more sight words your child knows makes reading easier. These words may **not** be tapped out; they are words your child should know in a "snap" and are meant to aid your child. They are used in conjunction with our reading and writing experiences.

In your child's homework pocket you will find a packet of sight words. Please cut out the flashcards and remove the words that your child already knows (they are the words that are crossed out on the list(s) that came with the flashcards). Take the words that they know and place them in your child's "**vacation**" envelope. The vacation envelope and the sight words are to be kept in your child's "me" box, **not** in their MAGIC book.

Next, depending on your child's ability level, choose 5-10 words for your child to learn. Review these words each night, and **each night** your child knows the word in a "snap", place a ✓ in the corner of the flash card. When your child knows a word in a "snap" on **six different** days, place that word in their "vacation" envelope. Add a new word as each word is put in the "vacation" envelope. Your child will practice "vacation" words on Thursday of each week. If your child does not know one of their vacation words in a "snap", please remove it from the vacation envelope, and add it to the words your child is currently working on.

You can have your child practice each night by flashing them the flashcards or they can complete one sight word practice activity on the attached sheet. These activities can also be found at <http://earswhatshappening.blogspot.com/>, click on Sight Words. Using these various ways to practice the words, helps to keep the learning fun. Please **do not** practice the words in the same order each night.

Once your child knows all the words on a list in a "snap", please write a note on the weekly homework. They will be assessed, and if ready, they will move on to the next list. Each time you child masters a list, they will earn a certificate, and the next set of flashcards will be sent home with your child. If your child masters all 220 sight words, they only need to practice some words in the "vacation" envelope on Thursday for homework.

Thank you for your help and support at home as we are partners in education. If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

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