

## Some ideas for ways to help make learning spellings more fun!

**Spelling Word Memory:** Create a double set of word cards and play a game of Spelling Word Memory by spreading out the cards face down and then taking turns flipping two cards at a time to find a pair!

**Trace, Copy, Recall:** Fold three columns on a piece of paper, and label one column 'trace', the next 'copy' and the last 'recall'. Write the word in the first column, and have your child trace the letters. Next have them copy the word by looking at what they've just written. Finally, have them fold (and hide) the first two columns and recall the spelling on their own as they write the word independently.

**Spelling Word Race:** Create two teams, with a player from each team taking the 'pen' at a time. Call out a word from the list, and players race to write the word.

**Stairsteps:** Write the words as if they are stairs, adding one letter at a time.

S

Sp

Spe

Spel

Spell

**They might use the letter sound or name when spelling out a word—either is fine at this stage.**

**As they become more confident we would encourage them to use the 'name' of the letter rather than the sound it makes as some letters make more than one sound.**

**Window Writing:** All you need are special 'window-safe' crayons to use, and Window-Writing makes learning spelling words much more fun!

Alternatively you could get them to breathe on the window and then write in the condensation or write on the steam on the shower curtain.

**Water Paint:** Use water and a paintbrush to water paint the spelling words.

**Type it Out:** Open up a Word document and help them type the spelling words on the screen as you call them out. Enlarge the font, make it a bright colour etc to make it more eye-catching.

**Crazy Words:** Put something interesting (like jelly mix, shaving cream, sand, or rice) on a cookie sheet, and have your child use his finger to 'write' spelling words on the tray.

**Word Scramble:** Scramble up the letters of each word using wooden/magnetic letters or bits of paper with them written on and ask them put them in the correct order.

**Spell and Eat:** While making breakfast, lunch, or dinner, ask your child to spell a word, and after each word is spelled correctly, reward them with a small, healthy "treat" from your meal prep!

**Stamp It:** Use alphabet letter stamps to 'stamp' the spelling words, first by looking at the words and then on your own!