

INFORMATION ABOUT SPELLING

Every Monday your child will be taking home a Spelling list. The list has about 20-25 words on it. Since we don't have a lot of time to practice our Spelling words during the day, it is crucial that you practice at home. Our spelling routine is as follows;

Monday – **Introduce Spelling words**

All words will be introduced with Guess/Correct. Please use the guess and correct to practice the words that you need practice on. A list of words will go home on Monday, and a homework assignment will be given. This assignment will usually be a worksheet.

The worksheet will have to be handed in by Tuesday.

Tuesday/Wednesday /Thursday– **Spelling Centers**

We will work on various activities over the week to practice our spelling words.

Wednesday – **Practice Test**

If a student gets a 100% on the practice test, they will not have to take the Friday test. Due to time constraints, there may be weeks when the practice test will not be given.

Friday – **Final test**

Weekly Word Lists

Spelling

admire
magnet
contest
method
custom
rally
soccer
engine
sudden
finger
accident
mitten
intend
fabric
flatten
rascal
gutter
mammal
happen
cannon

*Because
of Winn-
Dixie*

Vocabulary

memorial
prideful
recalls
peculiar
grand
positive
selecting

Amazing Words

attention	courteous
distinct	introduce
kindness	similar
social	teach
understanding	variety

Challenge Words

dungeon
magnify
festival
thunderstorm
injury

Name _____

Family Times

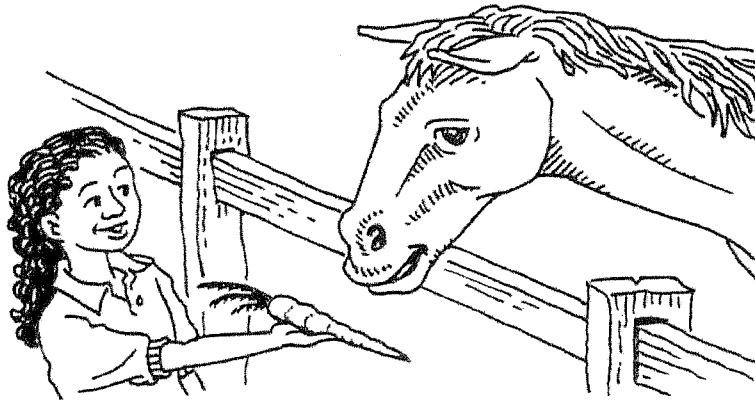
Summary

Because of Winn-Dixie

Moving to a new town can be hard, and making new friends can be even harder. With the help of her dog, Winn-Dixie, Opal is able to get to know Miss Franny Block, the local librarian. Miss Block tells Opal an exciting tale about a bear that once wandered into the library.

Activity

Animal Stories With your family, share stories of personal experiences with animals. They can be stories about animals kept as pets, or animals seen in the zoo or in the wild.



Comprehension Skill

Sequence

Sequence is the order in which things happen in a story. When you read, think about what comes first, next, and last. Several events can occur at the same time. Words such as *meanwhile* and *during* give clues that two events are happening at the same time.

Activity

Foolish Fairy Tales Take turns telling fairy tales, like *Little Red Riding Hood* or *Cinderella*, with their events out of order. Talk about how these mix-ups changed the story. Did any of the stories sound better when the event order was changed?

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

grand excellent; wonderful

memorial helping people to remember a person, thing, or event

peculiar strange; unusual

positive without doubt; sure

prideful overly proud of oneself

recalls remembers

selecting picking out; choosing

Conventions

Declarative and Interrogative Sentences

Declarative sentences make statements. They end with periods.

For example: I like to go to the library.

Interrogative sentences ask questions. They end with question marks. *For example: What time does the library open?*

Activity

Miscommunication Play a game in which two people have a conversation with each other. One player can only use declarative sentences and the other player can only use interrogative sentences. The conversation should be fast-paced: players are not allowed to stop and think before speaking.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

<u>admire</u>	<u>rally</u>	<u>accident</u>	<u>rascal</u>
<u>magnet</u>	<u>soccer</u>	<u>mitten</u>	<u>gutter</u>
<u>contest</u>	<u>engine</u>	<u>intend</u>	<u>mammal</u>
<u>method</u>	<u>sudden</u>	<u>fabric</u>	<u>happen</u>
<u>custom</u>	<u>finger</u>	<u>flatten</u>	<u>cannon</u>

Short Vowels VCCV

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Classifying Write the list word that fits each group.

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| 1. rules, game, winner, _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. wheels, trunk, hood, _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. foot, toe, hand, _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. mistake, error, mishap, _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. cotton, wool, silk, _____ | 5. _____ |
| 6. baseball, football, basketball, _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. pancake, road, dough, _____ | 7. _____ |
| 8. otter, wolf, horse, _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. mean, plan, aim, _____ | 9. _____ |
| 10. iron, attract, pole, _____ | 10. _____ |
| 11. meeting, gathering, assembly, _____ | 11. _____ |
| 12. habit, ritual, routine, _____ | 12. _____ |
| 13. hat, scarf, earmuffs, _____ | 13. _____ |

Context Clues Choose a list word to complete each sentence of the script. Write the word.

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| 14. Bowler 1: Hooray! I got a strike! Did you see it ___? | 14. _____ |
| 15. Bowler 2: I ___ your skill. | 15. _____ |
| 16. Bowler 3: The ball looked as if it had been shot from a ___. | 16. _____ |
| 17. Bowler 1: My bowling ___ is perfect! | 17. _____ |
| 18. Bowler 2: Then how come your ball just rolled into the ___? | 18. _____ |
| 19. Bowler 1: All of a ___ I just lost control of the ball. | 19. _____ |
| 20. Bowler 1: You ___! I think you enjoyed my mistake. | 20. _____ |



Home Activity Your child spelled words with short vowels in VCCV pattern. Read the script aloud with your child. Have your child spell the list words with closed eyes.

Name _____

Short Vowel Pattern VCCV

- **Generalization** Short a, e, i, o, and u are usually spelled a: admire, e: emethod, i: ifinger, o: occer, and u: ucustom.

Word Sort Sort the list words by the short vowel in the **first** syllable.

a

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

e

11. _____
12. _____

i

13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

o

16. _____
17. _____

u

18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

Spelling Words

1. admire
2. magnet
3. contest
4. method
5. custom
6. rally
7. soccer
8. engine
9. sudden
10. finger
11. accident
12. mitten
13. intend
14. fabric
15. flatten
16. rascal
17. gutter
18. mammal
19. happen
20. cannon



Home Activity Your child is learning to spell words with the short vowel pattern VCCV (vowel-consonant-consonant-vowel). Say a word aloud and have your child identify the short vowel in the first syllable of the word.

Name _____

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Riddle Read the riddle. To find the answer, write the list word that fits each clue. Then copy the numbered letters onto the numbered lines below.

Riddle: What weighs 5,000 pounds and wears glass slippers?

1. think highly of _____ 7
2. a meeting _____ 12
3. the part that makes a car run _____ 13
4. attracts iron _____ 9
5. glove with no fingers _____ 14
6. a mischievous person _____ 8
7. your shirt is made of this _____ 1
8. a way of doing something _____ 11
9. what a steamroller can do _____ 3
10. occur _____ 10
11. a game played with a round ball _____ 6
12. something that unexpectedly happens _____ 4
13. something to enter _____ 5
14. a pinky _____ 2

Answer:

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 9 _____ 10 _____ 11 _____ 12 _____ 13 _____ 14 _____



Home Activity Your child has learned to read, write, and spell words with the short vowel pattern VCCV. Ask your child to quiz your spelling of these words. Make a mistake with each word and have your child correct it.

Name _____

Short Vowels VCCV

Proofread a Newspaper Column Circle five misspelled words in the newspaper column. Write the words correctly. Then write the sentence that has a punctuation mistake correctly.

Roof Rally

By Dan Green

Most days I idmire that little rascle, the squirrel. That furry little mummal is always busy. Its usual costum is to keep busy burying food all day long. On one recent day a squirrel decided to take a break. He brought twenty of his cusins and held a rally on my roof. The noise was terrible! How could this happen? Stop it, I shouted. They scampered over the gutter and ran away. It was good to have peace and quiet again.

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |

Proofread Words Circle the correctly spelled word.

Write the word.

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|-------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 7. cannon | cannen | kannon | 7. _____ |
| 8. mignet | magnet | manget | 8. _____ |
| 9. accident | ecident | eccident | 9. _____ |
| 10. ingune | engine | ingine | 10. _____ |
| 11. soccer | socor | soccer | 11. _____ |
| 12. fabrik | fibrak | fabric | 12. _____ |

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Frequently Misspelled Words

with
cousin



Home Activity Your child identified misspelled words with short vowels in VCCV pattern. Say each spelling word. Ask your child to name the short vowel in the first syllable.