Graphemes Info Session

Grade 1 & Grade 2

Back to school
WELCOME
What Is A Grapheme?

• Graphemes are individual letters or a combination of letters that represent the sounds (phonemes) we speak

• There are 70 graphemes in total
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• Some graphemes have more than one sound

• ie. “a” has 3 sounds but we only say one of these sounds in any given word. For example: at, ate, or all
Learning the Graphemes
Grade 1

- 2 Graphemes/day will be introduced from Monday to Thursday with some gestures and example words
  - E.g. ‘a’ – at, ate, all; ‘c’ – can, city
- Students will practice printing the graphemes while saying the sounds
- There will be weekly quizzes (10 each week: 8 from the current week plus any 2 previously learned graphemes)
Learning the Graphemes
Grade 1

• Students’ testing books will be sent home on Monday so that parents are aware of the mark achieved. Please initial your child’s test.

• Corrections are to be done in the testing books next to the incorrect words (write each one at least once)

• All testing books must be returned by Wednesday morning
Grade 1 Timeline

• Sept.: Review of Graphemes 1-26
  – Single letter (a-z with the exception of “qu”)

• Oct.: Graphemes 27-54
  – Contain more than one letter (e.g. sh, ur)

• Nov.: Spelling program begins upon the completion of the first 54 graphemes

• In the New Year, we will introduce the final 16 graphemes (spelling is put on hold for a few weeks during this time)
Grade 2 Expectations

• Grapheme tests will be given on Thursday.

• Spelling tests will be given on Friday. In the event that Thursday is the last school day of the week, the grapheme test will be on Wednesday and spelling tests will be held on Thursday.

• Students should continue to review the graphemes as a part of their weekly homework and should be prepared to be tested on any 15 of the graphemes each week.
• Students’ red testing notebooks will be sent home on Monday so that parents are aware of the mark achieved. Please initial your child’s test and ensure it is returned to school the following day. **All red testing books must be returned no later than Wednesday morning.**

• More information can be found at [http://glamorgangrade2.weebly.com/graphemes](http://glamorgangrade2.weebly.com/graphemes)
How Can I Help My Child?

• Make sure your child is saying the sound each time when writing the grapheme
• Grade 1 - Follow the same pace (practice the same graphemes learned that day)
• Regular review
  – Flash cards, YouTube: Graphemes with Gestures
• Point out graphemes in words
  – E.g. “Let’s pack an apple for snack. Apple has a grapheme you learned. Which one is it? Which sound is it?”
Questions?
Thank you all for coming this evening!

We wish your child a wonderful and successful year of learning.