

## Words Their Way (W.T.W.) ACTIVITIES - Keep in your plastic bag

**Speed Sorts:** Sort your words and time yourself (use a stop watch or the second hand on a clock/watch). Resort and time again to see if you can beat your best time. Write the sort, date and your times in your WTW Notebook

Example: 11/24 - 1:47 ; 1:35

**Brainstorm:** Sort again and write your sort down in your W.T.W. Notebook. Add other words (not from your weekly list, but words you can think of, or from a dictionary, book, etc.) that fit the sort.

Example:                      WH Words  
which                      Add in: whether  
when                                      whopping  
who  
where

**Word-O:** Take a word from your sorting list and make a new word by changing one letter.

Examples:      tub → cub                      take → cake                      why → who                      spit → spot

**Open Sort:** Sort your words in a new and different way. Write down your new headings and sorts in your W.T.W Notebook.

<u>First sort</u> (alphabetical)	<u>Second sort</u> (number of syllables)
cab	cab                      comics                      cabinet
cabinet	catch
catch	cup
comics	
cup	

**Word Hunt:** Look for new words that fit into sorting categories from books or stories you are reading. Write the title and author of the book or story in your W.T.W Notebook. Example: The Christmas Bear by Lee Toland

<u>chr</u>	<u>kr</u>	<u>cr</u>
Christmas	Kriss	cry
	Kringle	crabby
		crack

**Blind Sort:** (for 2-3 people) The goal is to get the most cards. With your partner(s) take turns being the **Caller** and the **Writer**. The **Caller** says each word aloud without letting the other person see the word. The **Writer** writes the word in his/her WTW notebook. The **Writer** keeps the card of any word he/she spells correctly.\* If the spelling is not correct the **Caller** keeps the card. The person with the most cards at the end of the round wins.


- If 3 people are playing there are two **Writers** and one **Caller** for each round.

- The **Writer** who is first to correctly write the word neatly gets the card.

**Write sentences:** Write sentences using words from your sort. Please limit each sentence to a maximum of 1 or 2 W.T.W. words. Your sentences must prove that you understand what the W.T.W. word means.

**Picture Dictionary:** When you find an interesting or exciting new word use an index card to create an illustrated dictionary for the class. Write the word and its part of speech. Then write a definition of the word and a sentence that uses the word correctly. On the back, draw a picture to illustrate the sentence. We will collect all of the cards and make a class dictionary.

Example:

Front of card:	Back of card:
<p>hear - verb  <u>definition:</u> to perceive with the ear the sound made by someone or something.  <u>sentence:</u> "I wish I could hear you, but I can't because of the static on this phone. Can you please repeat what you said?"</p>	

**No Vowels/ No Consonants:**

1. Rewrite your sorting list putting dashes where there are vowels.  
 Example: here → h-r-    hear → h - - r
2. Write the list putting dashes where there are consonants.  
 Example: here → -e-e    hear → -ea-

Some Ways to Sort Words. You will add to this list!			
alphabetical order A-Z	parts of speech	number of syllables	ending (ing, ed, es...)
plural and singular	number of letters	alphabetical order Z-A	beginning letter
ending letter	double letters	compound words	prefixes/suffixes