Spelling City

Dear Parents,

This year we will be using Vocabulary.SpellingCity.com in our classroom. Spelling City is a website that allows students to integrate technology into their spelling and vocabulary practice. The site includes spelling lessons, spelling games, vocabulary games, writing activities, pre-tests, and more.

Your student will receive a new spelling/vocabulary list every other week. They have two weeks to practice and study their words before the spelling/vocabulary test the following Friday. For homework, the students will be assigned to practice their words on the spelling city website. Students should spend approximately 20 minutes on Spelling City practice activities. In order to accomplish this, students should:

1. Go to www.spellingcity.com
2. Log on with their username (student's first initial and first four letters of their last name*) and password (abc).
   *Some usernames are followed by a number as well.
3. Click on the unit for the week.
4. Choose an activity (play game, flash cards, pretest, etc.)

If you do not have access to the Internet, or if you have technical difficulties, your student may make a "paper/pencil" spelling choice for homework instead. Please find the list of some possible paper/pencil choices listed on the backside of the paper. Thanks for your help with the spelling homework!

Pencil/Paper Choices:

- o Use all the words to create as few sentences as possible.
- o Create several categories into which all the words can fit.
- o Create a greeting card message using at least 10 of your words.
- o Create an original spelling game.
- o Use a dictionary to write the definition of each word.
- o Learn 10 of the words in a foreign language and write them next to the English words in a list.
- o Create 10 riddles with the words as answers.
- o Write an advertisement using at least 10 of the words.
- o Use all the words in an original story.
- o Use a thesaurus and find synonyms or antonyms for 10 of the words.
- o Create 10 analogies using the words (example: "heart" is to "body" as "motor" is to "car")
- o Use a dictionary to describe the history of each word.
- o Create a crossword puzzle and answer key using all of the words on www.puzzle-maker.com or graph paper.