

Words Their Way

Word Study in Action at home

Ideas to use at home to reinforce the *Words Their Way* program

- Monday** Have your child choose one sort word that is interesting or unfamiliar and consult a dictionary for the meaning. Challenge your child to explain the word's definition to your family. Then prompt your child and other members of your family to use the target word in conversation or writing. Have your child keep a tally of how many times the word is heard or seen.
- Tuesday** Do a "no-peeking" sort with your child. First, create headings for the sort. Then mix the sort cards and call out the word or picture name without showing your child the card. Have your child choose the right category by pointing to or naming the word part in the heading that has the same sound.
- Wednesday** Go on a word hunt with your child. Read aloud from newspapers, magazines, or books. Have your child point out words that are examples of the word patterns of the week.
- Thursday** Name a few rhyming word pairs. Then ask your child to think of rhyming word pairs or sentences that have the same sound or pattern in the sort of the week. Tell your child that nonsense rhymes (don't have to be real words, only follow the spelling pattern) are acceptable.