

Words Their Way Parent Information Letter

September 3, 2015

Dear Families,

We are excited to inform you that the Derry School District has adopted the *Words Their Way (WTW)* program after piloting it during the 2014-2015 school year. *Words Their Way* is a developmental phonics, spelling and vocabulary program whose instruction is done through daily word study. The optimal feature of word study is that your child can sort words anywhere, and we encourage students to begin sorting words at home. The primary benefit of *Words Their Way* is that of differentiating instruction, allowing each student to work at his/her instructional level. This program will provide skill instruction that will cover patterns and focus on examining and manipulating words instead of memorizing them. Students will think more critically about words and will work on transferring their skills to reading and writing.

On the first day of each week, a homework sheet will be sent home to reinforce the weekly focus words and patterns. Activities will be modeled in class so your child can demonstrate and share what they have learned at school with you. An assessment will then be given on the last day of the week.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with your child using *Words Their Way* and I look forward to a successful year.