

The following sight word lists are recommended by the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, Columbia University, and are based on the research of LaBerge and Samuels (2006). The purpose of this assessment is to determine the number of high-frequency words that students know. LaBerge and Samuels (2006) call this automatic recognition of high frequency words part of *automaticity*. They state that when these words are instantly recognized, the short term memory is not overloaded and is freed to focus on comprehension of what is going on in the story. Therefore, this assessment can be used throughout the year to record students' growth in automatic word recognition. Ehri (1998) found students eventually *encapsulate* the letters of a word into a bonded unit that is recognized immediately. ***To ensure consistency, WCS is defining immediate recognition as the student being able to say the word (not sound it out) within three seconds of viewing.***

It is recommended that words are presented and mastered in groups of 25, as organized here.

KINDERGARTEN SIGHT WORDS	
the	we
I	it
to	and
a	up
is	at
my	see
go	he
me	do
like	you
on	an
in	can
so	no
am	
Total # Sight Words for Kindergarten to achieve Mastery (3) on Report Card - 25	

FIRST GRADE SIGHT WORDS	
(first 25 repeated from K)	
the	we
I	it
to	and
a	up
is	at
my	see
go	he
me	do
like	you
on	an
in	can
so	no
am	
New 1st Grade Sight Words	
1st 25	
went	will
are	too
this	all
look	be
for	as
get	ball
come	by
got	day
play	did
was	has
had	her
they	him
fun	
2nd 25	
eat	sat
if	read
jump	run
man	she
or	sit
not	then
mom	his
out	say
now	us
of	yes
put	saw

ran	girl
how	
3rd 25	
when	back
your	I'm
about	because
from	very
than	could
away	have
them	make
came	any
big	into
been	there
after	were
who	mother
just	
4th 25	
little	three
two	their
going	where
here	want
but	today
that	home
said	down
over	under
don't	much
our	love
what	know
with	take
let	
Total # Sight Words for 1st Grade to achieve Mastery (3) on Report Card - 125	

SECOND GRADE SIGHT WORDS	
(1st 25 repeated from K)	
the	we
I	it
to	and
a	up
is	at
my	see
go	he
me	do
like	you
on	an
in	can
so	no
am	
Repeated from 1st Grade	
1st 25	
went	will
are	too
this	all
look	be
for	as
get	ball
come	by
got	day
play	did
was	has
had	her
they	him
fun	
2nd 25	
eat	sat
if	read
jump	run
man	she
or	sit
not	then
mom	his
out	say
now	us
of	yes
put	saw

ran	girl
how	
3rd 25	
when	back
your	I'm
about	because
from	very
than	could
away	have
them	make
came	any
big	into
been	there
after	were
who	mother
just	
4th 25	
little	three
two	their
going	where
here	want
but	today
that	home
said	down
over	under
don't	much
our	love
what	know
with	take
let	
New 2nd Grade Sight Words	
1st 25	
things	more
school	idea
walk	soon
always	often
great	such
find	best
until	think
last	family
high	never
easy	house

next	wait
pretty	same
ask	
2nd 25	
again	might
each	suddenly
begin	special
goes	beautiful
together	couldn't
does	either
friend	thought
enough	they're
should	while
you're	themselves
through	without
ready	probably
yourself	
3rd 25	
near	question
everything	against
wouldn't	old
need	happen
kind	several
different	someone
myself	slowly
everyone	follow
few	better
being	since
really	answer
understand	plan
wanted	
Total # Sight Words for 2nd Grade to achieve Mastery (3) on Report Card - 200	