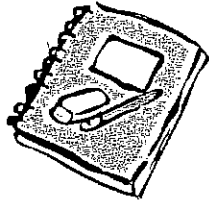


# 5th Grade Word Study

## Family Information

**PURPOSE:** The FHPS Word Study program is based on "Word Journeys," by Kathy Ganske. *It is a comprehensive program, including elements of spelling, vocabulary, and phonics*, allowing students to become better spellers, readers, and writers, rather than teaching skills in isolation for memorization.



**EXPECTATIONS:** *Through various assigned daily activities, students will explore sounds, patterns, and meaning relationships among words.*

- All work is recorded neatly in the Writer's Notebook.
- Please make sure your child has his/her **notebook at school each day**. While most of the work can be done in class, students may need extra time to finish at home.
- It will be important to complete all assignments on time and with quality.
- **Friday Quizzes:** Please help your child study his/her words during the week. **Words will be sorted into the correct categories and spelled correctly and independently on the quiz.**

**PROGRAM STRUCTURE:** Most often, small group instruction will take place on Mondays, when students will receive their word cards. They will sort and spell them correctly in class and receive assigned lessons for the week. Due dates will be announced in class.



**GROUP PLACEMENT:** Detailed pretesting determines small group placement. *Word Journeys* identifies five specific stages of development; so students at the same grade level will work at different stages, according to their individual needs and abilities.

