

# Trick Words



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At Avonworth, we utilize the program *Foundations* as a part of our Language Arts curriculum to teach foundational reading skills. Attached, you will find grade level specific word lists of “Trick Words” (previously referred to as sight words and/or high frequency words at APC). These lists are composed of words that are of highest utility in our language (such as “they”, “what”, “of”, etc.). Trick Words contain parts that have an irregular spelling pattern or parts with spelling patterns not yet introduced in the curriculum. This is why they are “tricky”!

During the school year, students are asked to read and write these words daily. Any additional practice and support at home would be beneficial to your child. A few suggestions of how to practice Trick Words at home are listed below.

the	a
and	are
to	is
his	as

- **Flashcards**-Print flashcards from the Avonworth website or write words on index cards to use as flashcards. Set a timer and see how many your child can recognize in a set amount of time.
- **Find and Swat**-Lay cards on a hard surface, face up. Say a Trick Word and have your child find it and swat it with a fly swatter. If they find it, they can keep it. Continue this until all cards are picked up. At the end of the game, your child can practice writing some of the words in a list with a marker, crayon, highlighter, pen, pencil, colored pencil...whatever is most fun for your child!
- **PlayDoh Words**-Have your child build a few Trick Words out of PlayDoh. Create each letter by rolling and forming it into the correct letter!



These ideas help you to reinforce Trick Words at home. Learning these Trick Words will strengthen your child's reading and writing fluency.

We are excited to see our youngest learners grow and develop as strong readers!

Thank you in advance for your support at home.

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Principal



# Kindergarten Trick Words



the	a	and	are	to
is	his	as	has	was
we	she	he	be	me
I	you	they	or	for
of	have	from	by	my
do	one			

# First Grade Trick Words

the	a	and	is	his
of	as	has	to	into
we	he	she	be	me
for	or	you	your	I
they	was	one	said	from
have	do	does	were	are
who	what	when	where	there
here	why	by	my	try
put	two	too	very	also
some	come	would	could	should
her	over	number	say	says
see	between	each	any	many
how	now	down	out	about
our	friend	other	another	none
nothing	people	month	little	been
own	want	Mr.	Mrs.	work
word	write	being	their	first
look	good	new	water	called
day	may	way		



## Second Grade Trick Words



shall	full	pull	both	talk
walk	done	goes	pretty	again
please	animal	sure	use	used
against	knew	know	always	often
once	only	house	move	right
place	together	eight	large	change
city	every	family	night	carry
something	world	answer	different	picture
learn	earth	father	brother	mother
great	country	away	America	school
thought	whose	won	son	breakfast
head	ready	favorite	early	ocean
Monday	Tuesday	cousin	lose	tomorrow
beautiful	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	bought
brought	piece	January	February	July
enough	special	December	August	laugh
daughter	trouble	couple	young	