

# THE GOLD STANDARD

*Spelling Connections* is the gold standard for spelling instruction—a proven program with over 30 years of research behind it. With explicit instruction that provides daily differentiation through meaningful practice activities, technology, and word sorting, *Spelling Connections* empowers educators to teach spelling—not just assign it.

## Research That Results In the Right Words At the Right Time

The word lists in *Spelling Connections* were carefully chosen for grade-level appropriateness based on analysis of several word lists and vocabulary studies. Criteria include

- Difficulty by grade level
- Frequently misspelled words
- Occurrence in students' reading
- Usage in students' writing, reading, and speaking

All word lists are developmentally appropriate and organized by patterns for streamlined instruction. The result is a program that teachers can incorporate into classroom instruction in about 15 minutes per day!

## Patterns and Practice Throughout the Day

Units begin with having students sort words by patterns. Once students understand the patterns, they learn how spelling connects to phonics (grades 1–3) and vocabulary (grades 4–8). Practice continues with activities that help students reinforce their understanding of the patterns and word meanings as they develop reading and writing skills.

## Differentiation Makes the Difference

Each unit features spelling lists that are below, on, and above level for effective differentiation for all students. Regardless of level, all students in the classroom learn the same spelling patterns—streamlining instruction while building a solid foundation for growth.

## New Online Tools to Extend Instruction

Digital Tutor is a fun, interactive way to practice, study, and master weekly spelling words at home or in learning centers. Students scan the QR code with a mobile device to listen to the spelling words being spelled out loud and used in sentences. Additional digital components include online games, whiteboard activities, practice masters, standardized test practice, ELL support, and Teacher Edition eBooks.

## Gold-Star Results Across the Curriculum

Teaching spelling is proven to

- Improve reading comprehension
- Expand vocabulary
- Accelerate writing skills

These are all key factors in successfully meeting the TEKS for English Language Arts. *Spelling Connections* can help your students build the skills they need to demonstrate proficiency...and realize gold-star results across the curriculum!

