



INFORMALLY ASSESSING STUDENT PROGRESS

Here are 5 ways to informally assess how your child or students are doing.

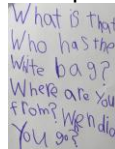
1. Once a week or twice a month, have the students write as many sight words as they can in five minutes. If an individual child has written at least one more word than the time before, give him/her a sticker or whatever reward you want!



2. Once or twice a month, say each word that the students have learned and practiced. Have the students write them down to make sure they can indeed remember how to spell the words learned so far. Continue to practice any forgotten words.



3. Once a month, say complete sight word sentences that the students have learned and practiced. Have the students write them down. Continue to practice any forgotten words.



4. Give students 30 minutes to write about a topic of their choice. It can be a fictional story, non-fiction information or a free write about anything. When the students are done, have them read what they wrote. Praise them for their work and hang it up!



When you read their work you can see their progress, which sight words they're spelling correctly and how they're phonetically spelling new words they don't know yet.

5. You can also assess the children's ability to **READ** the sight words. Print out the list of words that they've completed most recently. Have each child highlight all the words that they can read easily and confidently.



Continue practicing any unknown words. Reward the students when they can read all of the words on their list!