***Our Spelling Program***

This year we will be using Words Their Way. Words Their Way is a study of words and their patterns in the English language, more than it is a memorization of words program.  The result of the word study should be the ability for students to carry their knowledge of words and their patterns into their daily writing and they should be applying these patters to help them spell more difficult words.

Students will be given a spelling inventory and put into groups based on their needs as a speller.  The groups are made according to which rules, word families, and word patterns students are not familiar with yet.  It is not related at all to how well they can spell.  While the words might not be extremely long and complicated they are grouped together because they have a similar feature/pattern the students need to learn. The goal is to learn the rule that applies to the words so they can apply it to their own writing.

The students are tested on Fridays. After their test, they receive a mini lesson on their new sort and use that information to complete the sort. The students take home Tic Tac Toe spelling homework and complete 3 activities to practice their words. The homework is also due on Friday.