

Word Study Notebook

What is "Word Study Notebook" and why is it important?

A "Word Study Notebook" (Gaskins et al., 1989) provides your child with a place to record his discoveries and knowledge about language. It is a way to help him check and explain his knowledge so that he can apply it to reading.

How can I use a "Word Study Notebook" with my child?

Your child can use a journal or notebook to record knowledge about letter/sound relationships that he is learning. For example, he may learn that a long "a" sound can be represented by the patterns a__e, ay and ai (lane, hay, pain). When he writes the examples in his notebook, he reinforces that learning. Sharing this knowledge with you provides further reinforcement.