



The Schools of McKeel Academy

Kindergarten High Frequency Words

1st Grading Period (23 words)	2nd Grading Period (28 words)	3rd Grading Period (30 words)	4th Grading Period (23 words)
a*	for*	say	what*
I*	so	play	want*
the*	no	day	went
am	go*	away	name
and*	was*	they*	make
my	has*	she*	came
by*	of*	saw*	ate
like	can	does*	good
you*	not	new	soon
look	one	put*	eat
see*	on	big	ride
is*	in	blue	white
his*	it	black	where
this	into	but	who
her	did	brown	yes
to*	red	down	yellow
too	ran	how*	please
two	run	now	under
at	are*	out	four
be	come*	our	from*
he*	find	get	pretty
me	little	help	funny
we	up	boy	here
	jump	three	
	must	there	
	said	that	
	do*	with	
	have*	well	
		will	
		all	

ELA.K.F.1.4. Recognize and read with automaticity grade-level high frequency words.

High frequency words, also known as sight words, provide an excellent base for reading at an early age. They are often called sight words because some of them can't be sounded out, and need to be learned by sight. Sight words are typically words that students recognize immediately (within three seconds) and can read without having to use decoding skills.

The words with the red asterick are known as red words. These words are typically non-phonetic sight words that require memorization because they cannot be sounded out using phonetic rules. Some red words may follow more advanced spelling concepts that students have not yet been taught, but are very common words that need to be learned for reading long before they may be required for spelling.

Once a child knows this list of words, it makes reading much easier, because the child can then focus his or her attention on the remaining words in a story.