

# Rebecca Sitton's APPLESEED



PLANT THE SEEDS TO GROW SPELLING AND WORD SKILL LITERACY.

## How Can You Use the Core Words List? Count the Ways!

The Core Words list is in the Blackline Master section of your Sourcebook. Check the Table of Contents for its location. It is an alphabetical list of Core Words up to and including the grade-level Sourcebook in which the list appears. It indicates the words targeted for maintenance, practice, and mastery. This is the bank of words from which the test words on the Cloze Story Word Tests are taken. Words students miss on the test become their Spelling Words. Following are the word frequencies included on the Core Words list at each grade:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Sourcebook</u>	<u>Words on the Core Words List</u>		<u>Grade</u>	<u>Sourcebook</u>	<u>Words on the Core Words List</u>
1	Level 1	1-35	⋮	5	Level 5	1-675
2	Level 2	1-170	⋮	6	Level 6	1-850
3	Level 3	1-335	⋮	7	Level 7	1-1025
4	Level 4	1-500	⋮	8	Level 8	1-1200

Following are ideas for using the Core Words list:

At home—Give parents or caregivers a copy so they know which words are tested during the school year. The Words to Learn sheet is their routine “heads up” to identify words for study at home. These are the words, among all those on the Core Words list, that their child needs to learn to spell—not just for a test, but forever. They are the child’s Spelling Words and are automatically recycled on subsequent tests to assess progress toward their mastery.

At school—Give students a copy of the words to use for a reference to fix words they missed on Cloze Story Word Tests and Sentence Dictation Tests. Further, they can refer to the list to write their words on their Words to Learn Sheet and in their Spelling Notebook.

At home or at school—Use the list:

- ▶ to practice reading the words.
- ▶ as an everyday spelling-for-writing reference.
- ▶ to make word cards for words for spelling study—use the Word Card Blackline Master in your Sourcebook.
- ▶ to play games—Bingo, Concentration, Rescue the Rabbit, Sparkle, and others, all of which are in your Sourcebook.
- ▶ to identify homophones and their partners, and learn their meanings.
- ▶ as a source for sorting words into categories—vowel sounds, double letters, words with/without suffixes, words for which you can name an antonym, parts of speech...categories are endless!
- ▶ to make crossword puzzles and word-find activities.
- ▶ to play, “I’m thinking of a word that...”—clues are given to identify the “mystery word”.