**What are sight words?**

* Sight words are the words that are used most often in the English Language
* Many sight words cannot be sounded out
* Sight words need to be recognized in an instant
* There are about 200 words that make up 50-70% of daily reading
* Knowing sight words at an automatic rate is very important to success in reading
* Children who have difficulty with sight words become easily frustrated with reading

**How to help your child learn sight words**

* Point out sight words when you read together
* Find sight words in everyday print such as signs, cereal boxes, and food containers
* Review sight word lists each day for 5 minutes
* Play games with sight words, here are a few:
1. Play coin toss- put words on the floor, takes turns tossing a coin onto a word card and saying the sight word
2. Practice writing the words outside on the concrete with chalk
3. Write the words big on the rug using a finger as your writing tool
4. Flashlight words: turn off the lights and use a flashlight to find the word cards around the house
5. Make words using letter tiles or scrabble pieces
6. Play stepping stones: place word cards on the floor and say the word as you walk over them
7. Make a letter twister chart with chalk on a concrete floor, children place their feet and hands on the letters to spell words

The best way to learn sight words is to practice five at a time and try to learn those five automatically before going onto the next list of five. Practicing for 5 minutes each day is better for remembering that practicing for an hour one day a week.