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Dear Parents/Guardians

The following information relates to spelling this year. If your child receives an **18/20 or higher (90%)** on their weekly spelling quiz (**bonus words not included**), they will be excused from the following ~~Creative~~ **Spelling Homework** assignments.

With that being said, **ALL** students will get the weekly words on Mondays. Since 4th grade spelling is a review of previously taught skills, some weeks students may realize that they might want to do activities, even if they are excused. They will however, not need to pass them in.

The rationale in this is that I am not going to make students who regularly do well on spelling continue the activities just to do it. I'm also not taking class time to do a pretest. Obviously if they need review or are struggling, they need the practice and that is the point of the spelling activities.

How will I know if my child is excused from spelling since you don't pass corrected work back until Wednesdays?

- Great question! On Mondays when they copy their words into agendas and I give a printed out sheet, you will see on the top of the printed sheet one of two things:
 - **Excused from Spelling Activities**
 - Or
 - **Must do Spelling Activities**

If my child was excused from the list, but they still want to do the activities, do you want them?

- No, no I do not.

What if I get an 18/20 one week, but the week after I get a lower score? Am I off the hook forever once I get an 18/20?

- No, no you're not. In fact any week you don't get an 18/20 or higher, you **MUST** do the spelling activities the following week.

If you have any questions, problems, concerns, issues, troubles, worries, complications, misunderstandings, confusion, etc, feel free to contact me in any of the 100 ways I've made it possible for you to do so.

- Mr. L

*I debated writing this with several spelling errors to send the point home, but it's still too early in the year for you all to deal with my outstanding sense of humor.

