## Words Their Way

# Letter and Picture Sorts for Emergent Spellers 

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## Preface

Words Their Way: Letter and Picture Sorts for Emergent Spellers is intended to complement the texts Words Their Way for PreK-K and Words Their Way: Word Study for Phonics, Vocabulary, and Spelling Instruction. These core texts provide a practical, research-based, and classroom-proven way to study words with students. This companion text expands and enriches that word study, specifically for emergent spellers.

Emergent spellers are just beginning to "write" on their own, using random marks, representational drawings, mock linear or letter-like writing, and random letters and numbers. To address the needs of emergent spellers, this text focuses on the literacy diet: vocabulary development through concept sorts, alphabet knowledge, phonological awareness, initial letter-sound correspondences, concepts of print, and concept of word.

Words Their Way: Letter and Picture Sorts for Emergent Spellers provides teachers with reading selections that provide a meaningful context for the reproducible sorts. Step-by-step directions will guide you through the process. The materials provided in this text will complement the use of any existing phonics, spelling, and reading curricula.

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