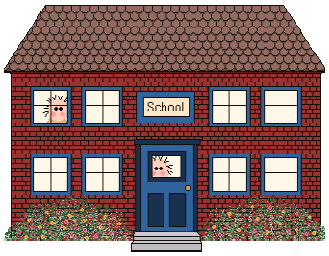

Word Families

Word families are groups of words that have a common feature or pattern - they have some of the same combinations of letters in them and a similar sound. For example, at, cat, hat, and fat are a family of words with the "at" sound and letter combination in common.

The 37 most common word families in English (according to Wylie and Durrell) are: ack, ain, ake, ale, all, ame, an, ank, ap, ash, at, ate, aw ay, eat, ell, est, ice, ick, ide, ight, ill, in, ine, ing, ink, ip, it, ock, oke, op, ore, ot, uck ,ug, ump, unk. We do not study all of these word families. The following is a list of the word families introduced in kindergarten. We may add more toward the end of the school year.

an	**at**	**en**	**et**	**ig**	**it**	**ot**	**ox**	**ug**	**ut**
an	at	Ben	bet	big	bit	cot	box	bug	but
ban	bat	den	get	dig	fit	dot	fox	dug	cut
bran	brat	hen	jet	fig	grit	got	lox	hug	gut
can	cat	men	let	gig	hit	hot	pox	jug	hut
clan	chat	pen	met	jig	it	jot	sox	lug	mut
Dan	fat	ten	net	pig	kit	lot		mug	nut
fan	flat	wren	pet	rig	lit	not		pug	put
Fran	hat		set	wig	pit	pot		rug	rut
ran	mat		vet	zig	quit	rot		tug	tut
span	pat		wet		sit	tot			
tan	rat				wit				
	sat								
	tat								
	that								
	vat								