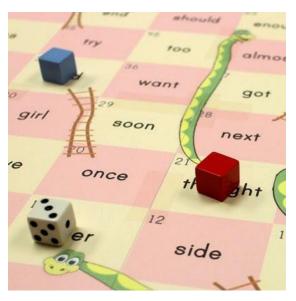
We are excited to introduce you to SightWords.com, a Website designed for parents and teachers to use. It is a new resource sponsored by the Georgia Preschool Association and designed to help children learn to read. *All the material on the Website is FREE!* This site is designed to help learners who are Pre-K and above. There are four sections currently available to use on the Website.

There is a **History** section which teaches what sight words are, identifies different types of sight words and gives you sight word lists, One unique feature of this section is that it contains short video clips of five separate, research-based techniques for an adult to use in teaching sight words to children.

The <u>Lessons</u> section helps you learn research-validated and classroom-proven ways to introduce words, reinforce learning, and effectively correct mistakes. Each sight words lesson is approximately 30 minutes and is divided into 2 sections: an instructional portion (10 minutes) and a game portion (20 minutes). Obviously, this schedule can be modified and altered, based on your situation and the age of the child or children being taught.

The **Games** section offers 10 fantastic games that will help children practice their sight words and build toward mastery. The Sight Words Fishing game is a favorite, as is Snakes and Ladders and Bingo. Any parent or teacher can easily customize the sight words used in any of these games to meet the needs of an individual child or group of children at various levels of



learning. This feature allows children to engage in and enjoy

these games as their sight word vocabulary continues to grow.

The <u>Flash Cards</u> section is very comprehensive but easily divided by grade level or word frequency. One of the key components to learning to read sight words is consistent repetition over time. The flash cards this sight offers can be printed out in different sizes for use in different ways. For use by individual children, you may want to print quarter page flashcards and laminate them. Then punch a hole in the corner of each card and put them on a book ring or shower curtain ring. Doing so allows a child to carry them anywhere and practice them often whether in line at school, at home on the couch, in a waiting room, or in the car.

If you work with a child who is just learning to read or a gradeschool child who is struggling with reading, check out SightWords.com and spend some time trying some of the teaching techniques, games and flashcards. It will save you time and money, and, most importantly, it should help you help children master sight words.