

Family Activity Instructions: Word Mapping

Beat My Time

Materials: Power Word Cards, stopwatch

1. Cut out the **Power Word Cards** and stack them facedown in a pile.
2. Get a stopwatch ready. (You can use the stopwatch on your phone.)
3. Have your child flip through the cards, reading each card as quickly as possible.
 - If your child doesn't know a word, have them put the word off to the side and continue going through the cards.
4. When your child has finished the last card, stop the stopwatch and note the time.
5. Go back to a word your child did not know automatically. Map it!
6. Mix up the cards and have your child read through them again. Can they beat their time?



Power Word Cards

For a challenge: After playing **Beat My Time**, have your child practice spelling or mapping the words to help the words become automatic.

Read through the cards often. Reading and writing Power Words automatically takes a lot of practice!

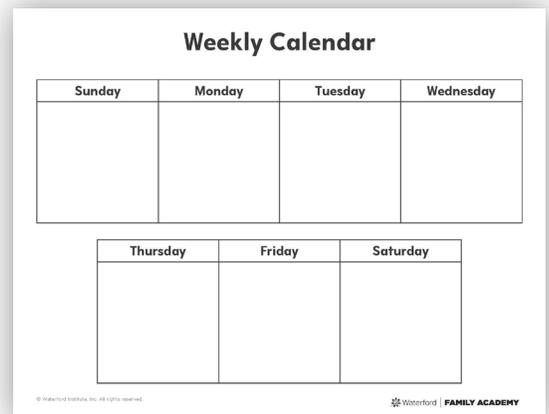
My Responsibilities

Materials: Weekly Calendar, pencil or pen, crayons (optional)

1. Talk about the following questions with your child:
 - What kinds of tasks do we do each day in our home?
 - Why are these tasks important?
 - What does the word *responsibility* mean?
2. Together, choose a few simple tasks your child can take responsibility for.

As you choose tasks, focus on your child taking responsibility. If you focus on what your child *should do*, you may create power struggles. Work alongside your child as they learn to be responsible.

3. Write the responsibilities down on the **Weekly Calendar**. Decorate the calendar, and hang it on the wall or the refrigerator.



Weekly Calendar