Tips for Conducting Your Classroom Spelling Bee

Help your students prepare by:

- giving your students the grade-specific 100-word study list from the log-in section of spellingbee.com, and
- providing the full 2019 School Spelling Bee Study List to your students if they seek a challenge.

Familiarize yourself with the 2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide, in which:

- words 1-225 were selected from the 2019 School Spelling Bee Study List,
- words 226-250 were selected from Merriam-Webster Unabridged, copyright 2018, Merriam-Webster.

If you are including vocabulary, familiarize yourself with the 2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide Vocabulary Supplement (available when you log in to spellingbee.com), in which:

- pages 5-7 are Basic Level oral vocabulary rounds, and
- pages 8 and 9 are Intermediate Level oral vocabulary rounds.

Decide at what point in the Classroom Pronouncer Guide to begin your bee. We recommend that you:

- begin Grade 1 classroom spelling bees with word 1 (page 10),
- begin Grade 2 classroom spelling bees with word 26 (page 13),
- begin Grade 3 classroom spelling bees with word 51 (page 16),
- begin Grade 4 classroom spelling bees with word 76 (page 19),
- begin Grade 5 classroom spelling bees with word 101 (page 22),
- begin Grade 6 classroom spelling bees with word 126 (page 26),
- begin Grade 7 classroom spelling bees with word 151 (page 29), and
- begin Grade 8 classroom spelling bees with word 176 (page 32).

As pronouncer, be sure to:

- review the 2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide prior to your bee, and
- refer to the Merriam-Webster Pronunciation Symbols on page 2 of the 2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide if you need assistance interpreting diacritical markings.

As judge, keep in mind that:

- You may consult our Rules for Local Spelling Bees (on page 5 of the 2019 Classroom Pronouncer Guide) if you need rules (pay special attention to Rule 10 for instruction regarding end-of-bee procedure) and
- You may wish to have Merriam-Webster Unabridged, copyright 2018, Merriam-Webster (http://unabridged.merriam-webster.com) available for reference. If you do not have a subscription to Merriam-Webster Unabridged, the preferred alternative is Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, eleventh edition, copyright 2003, Merriam-Webster.