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Dear Parents of 1st. to 6th. Grade,

We are excited to announce the commencement of our **2024 Spelling Bee Contest**. Spelling bees are a cherished North American tradition that fosters healthy competition and academic excellence. Such contests help our students enhance their knowledge and proficiency with words, expand their vocabulary, and acquaint them with concepts used in the English language. This year, our 1st to 6th-grade students will be participating.

In order to qualify as EBS Spelling Bee Finalists, a contestant must have successfully passed through several rounds within their grade level. Ultimately, 5 students are selected to compete in the finals, where 3 winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) are chosen from each grade/section.

Below, we have listed the important dates:

Date	What happens on these dates?	Who participates?
January 24-31, 2024	Introduction to the Spelling Bee Contest: We take these days to explain to the students the rules and foundations of the contest along with their Language Arts teachers.	All students from 1st to 6th grade
March 4-8 2024	Dictations: We begin with an elimination round through dictations held in the classrooms, where 10 students advance to the semi-finalist round.	All students from 1st to 6th grade
March 11-13 2024	Semi-Finals: The semi-finals take place in the classrooms and are "oral" in nature, where the 5 students who will represent the grade in the final competition are selected.	10 selected students
March 18-22 2024	Finals: The final round (specific dates for each grade will be provided later) takes place in the Library, with a panel of judges, during Language Arts periods.	5 Semi-Finalists from each grade (1st to 6th)

The word lists have been posted on the Language Arts TEAMS for each grade, and teachers have been working with the students. For both the semi-finals and the final round, qualifying students must learn the words from their grade level as well as the words from the next grade level (referred to as "challenge words"), are employed if the words from the current grade are depleted and contestants are tied.

- For example, a 1st-grade student who has advanced to the semi-finals will receive the 1st-grade word list along with the 2nd-grade list (with the 2nd-grade list containing their "challenge words").

Let's motivate our children together to give their best effort! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms. Isabel Noisette.

Blessings!
Academic Spelling Bee Team



Below you will find some fun and interesting websites that can help you with practice for the contest.

Recommended Websites

- Interactive Spelling Bee by Annenberg Learner. <http://www.learner.org/interactives/spelling/index.html>
- Catch the Spelling Game. <http://www.manythings.org/cts/>
- Spin and Spell Game. <http://www.spinandspell.com/>
- Youtube Interactive Spelling Bee. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDNjweAX_wI
- Miss Spell's Class. <http://dictionary.reference.com/fun/misspell>
- Visual Thesaurus Spelling Bee. <http://www.visualthesaurus.com/bee/play>



Recommended Applications

- Spellosaur
- A+ Test
- Miss Spell's Class
- My Spelling Drill

** Ergos Bilingual School does not endorse nor is responsible for the possible content of these websites/applications. Students should always be supervised while using external links to avoid risks.*