**SPELLING WORDS**

**Sometimes spelling words can be a challenge for grade one writers. We want to use “million dollar words” because they are the ones that say our ideas the best but we are not always sure how to spell them. Sometimes we stop and ask a grownup how to spell each word as we write. When we do this, however, we often forget our ideas and get frustrated.**

**Here are some tips to help you with your spelling:**

* **Always use your word wall. These are words that grade one students will use over and over in their writing. Soon you will not need your word wall at all!**
* **If the word is not on your word wall, s-t-r-e-t-c-h it out. Say it slowly and listen to the sounds that you are hearing. Write the sounds down and spell it as best as you can.**
* **When you spell a word and you are not sure if you have the right spelling, underline it and keep going.**
* **Once you have finished your writing, ask a grownup to help you with the underlined words.**