

# Spelling Newsletter

for Students and Their Families

## Moving Ahead

In Units 4 and 5 of the Grade 1 *Houghton Mifflin Spelling and Vocabulary* book, your child has been working with short vowel sounds. These units feature words with common spelling patterns for short *a* and short *i*, such as *bad* and *pig*.

## Word Lists

Your child has been studying these words as well as others with similar patterns.

| UNIT 4 | UNIT 5 |
|--------|--------|
| an     | in     |
| bad    | pig    |
| can    | did    |
| had    | sit    |
| cat    | six    |
| ran    | big    |

## Family Activity

Make word cards for each of the Unit 4 and Unit 5 spelling words and for the words in the box shown at right. Use the cards to play a rhyming game. Spread all of the cards face-down on a table. Player 1 chooses two cards and reads the words aloud. If they rhyme, Player 1 must spell each word before taking the cards. If the words do not rhyme, the cards are turned face-down again. Players take turns until all the cards have been matched and spelled correctly. The player with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

pan  
hat  
pin  
fix  
hit  
lid