**Spelling Strategies Checklist K-2**

**Use these ideas when you need to spell a word you don’t know.**

* Stretch out the word to hear all the sounds.

s – e – n – t

* Clap out the word.

rab – bit

* Do you hear word families that you know? (-at, -an, -am)

ban fan man pan can ran

* Does the word rhyme with another word you know how to write?

*Smart* rhymes with *art*!

* Try writing it on a practice page. Does it look right?

kat? or cat?

house? or howse?

Cheat Sheet for Moms and Dads:

1. Write part of the word for them.
2. Tell them another word it sounds like.
3. Point out other words they do know. “Hey, look at this word. I see the word ‘at’ in ‘that.’”
4. Practice words at [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com).
5. Do the strategies above WITH them!
6. It is okay to tell them how to spell it!