

Dear Santa Rita Parents:

The Spellathon is Santa Rita's largest PTA fundraising event of the school year made even more essential this year due to continuing state budget cuts. The funds raised from the Santa Rita Spellathon will go to support the school's goal of strengthening how technology and learning work together. The Santa Rita PTA is committed to increasing our students' access to technology tools in the learning environment. Funding will be used, in part, to provide technology training for Santa Rita teachers and students, and to purchase hardware. Our target is to bring in at least \$55,000 or \$105 per student, all directly benefiting our school.

Here's how it works: Kindergarten students will have 20 important facts to "tell". Grades 1-3 have 25 spelling words and grades 4-6 have 50 spelling words to learn. Sponsors pledge either a flat amount or an amount of money for each word spelled correctly. The tests are graded and the packet will be returned to the students for pledge collection. Please submit a check for each student as it is difficult for our accounting committee to split money between siblings or classrooms. Please submit your pledge sheets with your donations.

Prize categories are:

Thank you to our generous prize donors: Xilinx, Aerobie, Inc., David Troyer of Intero Real Estate, and Mar Andres Keehn from marsellshomes.com!



Signed Pledge Form-\$49	Learning Bee	Mini erasers
\$50-\$104	Busy Bee	Sweet Shop Frozen Yogurt
\$105-\$199	Worker Bee	Aerobie Flying Toy
\$200-\$349	Bumble Bee	Two Movie Passes. <b>Please circle your choice:</b> AMC or Cinemark
\$350-\$499	Honey Bee	Cyber Gear iChat Walkie Talkie
\$500+	Queen/King Bees	\$50 Gift Card. <b>Please circle your choice:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iTunes</li> <li>• Best Buy</li> <li>• Game Stop</li> <li>• Sports Authority</li> <li>• Target</li> <li>• Toys R Us</li> </ul>
Top 3 Pledges	TOP BEES!!	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apple iPad</li> <li>2. iFly Family Package (<a href="http://www.iflysfbay.com/ifly-indoor-skydiving">www.iflysfbay.com/ifly-indoor-skydiving</a>)</li> <li>3. Apple iPod touch</li> </ol>

If you'd like to receive a prize in a lower category than the one for which your child qualifies, please note that on your pledge sheet. If you are in the \$200-349 or \$500+ category, please circle the movie pass or gift card you would like or write it on your pledge sheet.

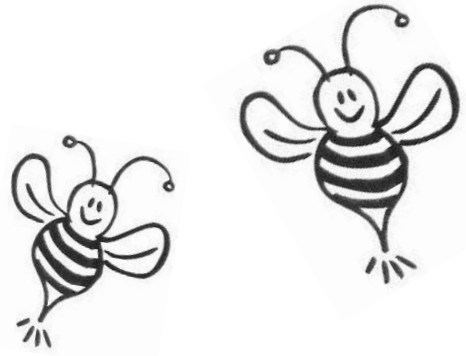
Tips for Success: Think about asking grandparents, aunts & uncles, family friends, and neighbors. Here are the key dates to remember:

- ❖ **Wednesday, January 4** - Students receive pledge forms and word lists. Pledge collection begins!
- ❖ **By Friday, January 20** - Spelling tests are given and corrected tests returned to students. Donation collection begins.
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 1** - Deadline to return collected donations (with pledge sheets).
- ❖ **Friday, February 17** - Student winners announced at Assembly. Individual prizes distributed!

Let's help our *Busy Bees Earn While They Learn*. We thank you in advance for all your support!

Sincerely,  
Karen Bunya, Amy Hofmann, Jennifer Jones, & Irene Shih

# 2012 Spellathon Pledge Sheet



Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am a student at Santa Rita Elementary School in Los Altos. Santa Rita's PTA is sponsoring a Spellathon. Money raised will go to support the school's goal of strengthening how technology and learning work together.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ words on my spelling test. By pledging a flat amount or money for each word spelled correctly, you will be encouraging me to learn more words and help in supporting my school.

I will return in about two weeks to show you my test and to collect your pledge. Thank you!

**STUDENTS MUST RETURN THIS PLEDGE SHEET TO WIN A PRIZE.** Students can demonstrate participation in the Spellathon by earning pledges, *or* by returning this form with a parent signature.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Signature**

Name (Print)	Contact Information	\$ Flat Pledge	\$ Per Word	X	# Words Correct	Amt. Due	Amt. Collected
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Totals							
Totals from Other Pages (if applicable)							
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>							

## 2012 Spellathon Donation Collection Procedure

With the help of your parents:

- ❖ Thank the people who helped you with Spellathon!
- ❖ Prepare the tax receipt forms with correct amounts for each donation. Receipt forms can be found on the Santa Rita website or in the front office in the Spellathon box.
- ❖ For a personal touch, consider making Thank You notes.

**Please ask an adult to go with you when collecting door-to-door.**

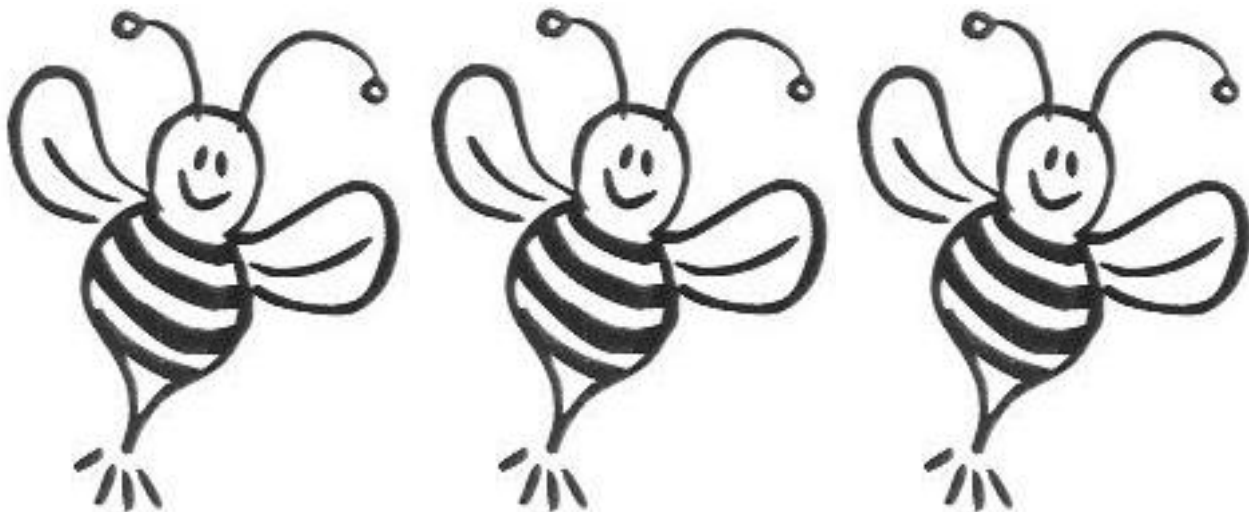
When collecting your pledges take with you a pen, the pledge sheet, test results, tax receipts, and an envelope.

1. Show your sponsor the test results.
2. Using your pledge sheet, explain the total amount owed.
3. Encourage them to write a check payable to **Santa Rita PTA**. If you and a sibling are receiving a donation, please ask your sponsor to write separate checks or give cash to each of you, separately. This will ensure that you end up in the correct prize category.
4. Be sure to thank them and ask if they would like a receipt. Receipt forms are located on the Santa Rita website or in the front office in the Spellathon box.
5. Keep all the money and checks in the envelope with your pledge sheet.
6. Return your donations in the envelope with your pledge sheet.
7. **\*\* Parents, please consider writing a check to cover all cash donations collected.**

**This makes it much easier for us on the day we count the money! \*\***

Return the envelope to your teacher by **Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

Prizes will be distributed Friday, February 17, when the Top Bees and other top producers are announced at the school assembly.



Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ for  
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