



Dear Santa Rita Parents:

The Spellathon is here!

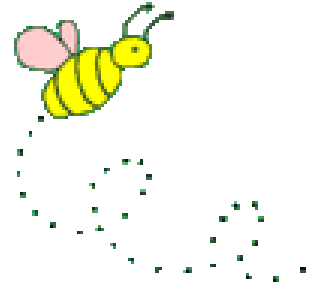
The Spellathon is Santa Rita's largest PTA fundraising event of the school year made even more essential this year because of state budget cuts. Put simply, we will not reach our goal without your help.

This fundraiser is critical to maintaining the high level of education we have come to expect for our children. 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. Also, if possible, we ask that parents write a separate check to cover all cash donations collected. Please submit your pledge sheets with your donations.

**Everyone** will be rewarded for his or her efforts. Below are the following prize categories:

\$1-\$49	Learning Bee	Santa Rita Holographic Bookmark
\$50-\$104	Busy Bee	Robotic Reading Light
\$105-\$199	Worker Bee	Electronic Coin Counter
\$200-\$349	Bumble Bee	\$20 Book Voucher
\$350-\$499	Honey Bee	Sports Watch
\$500+	Queen/King Bee	Visa \$50 Gift Card
Top Bee	TOP BEE!!	Ipod Nano with Video (winner picks the color!)



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.

Tips for Success: Think about asking grandparents, aunts & uncles, co-workers, and neighbors. Help your students study and more importantly, have fun with it! Here are the key dates to remember:

- ❖ **Tuesday, January 5** - Students receive sponsor forms and word lists.
- ❖ **Week of January 11** - Spelling tests are given.
- ❖ **Friday, January 22** - Pledge Sheets due.
- ❖ **Friday, Jan. 29** - Corrected tests and forms are returned to students. Pledge collection begins.
- ❖ **Tuesday, Feb. 9** - Deadline to return collected donations (with pledge sheets).
- ❖ **Friday, March 12** - 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 Costa, Jennie Ho, Jackie Radcliffe  
2009-2010 Spellathon Co-Chairs

## 2010 Spellathon Pledge Collection Procedure

With the help of your parents:

- ❖ Prepare the tax receipt forms with correct amounts for each donation. Receipt forms can be found on the Santa Rita website.
- ❖ For a personal touch, consider making Thank You notes.

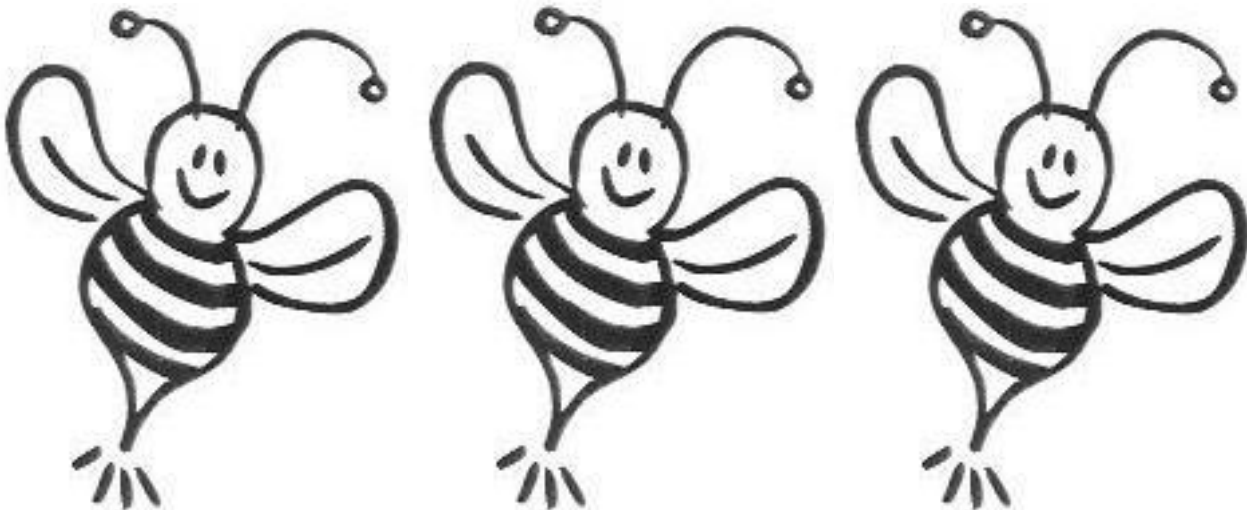
**Please ask an adult to go with you when collecting door-to-door.**

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. Please contact Jackie Radcliffe at [jackie.radcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.radcliffe@gmail.com) if you need assistance with receipts.
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 **Tuesday, February 9, 2010**

Prizes will be distributed Friday, March 12 when the Top Bee and other top producers are announced at the school assembly.



# 2010 Spellathon Pledge Sheet



Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am a student at Santa Rita Elementary School in Los Altos. Our PTA is sponsoring a Spellathon to raise funds for facility improvements, equipment, supplies, and academic enrichment.

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 be supporting my school.

I will return in about 2-weeks to show you my test and to collect your pledge.

Thank you!

Name (Print)	Address	Phone	\$ Flat Pledge	\$ Per Word	Amt . Due	Amt. Collected
1. Alyssa Gallagher	Santa Rita		\$1			\$1
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