**STEPS OF A NEW WORD SORT:**

1. Determine the pattern. Write the **category title.**

2. Read **words you know**, first. Sort them into the correct category.

3. **Finish sorting** all of the words.

4. What **sound** do the words have in common? Read all of the words.

 \*If someone is stuck, think of words it might rhyme with!

5. Make sure you know what each word means! If you have never heard of a word, ask for help! **“What does this word mean?”**

6. **What do you notice** about the words in each category? How are they the same?

7. **Write the words** into your notebook. (Keep the categories separate.)

**WORD SORT ACTIVITIES (What to do next…)**

1. *Blind sort:* Your partner reads a word, but does NOT show you the word. You will **listen** to the word, and **say the name of the category** it is in.
2. *Written sort:* Your partner reads a word, but does NOT show you the word. You will **listen** to the word, and **spell the word**.
3. *Word hunts:* During the week, **look for words** that fit into the categories. When you find one, **write it in your notebook**, in the correct category.