

## **WORDS THEIR WAY BENCHMARK**

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Typical Spelling Stage Ranges within Grade</b>	<b>End of Year Spelling Stage Goal</b>
K	Emergent-Letter Name-Alphabetic	Middle Letter Name-Alphabetic
1	Late Emergent-Within Word Pattern	Early Within Word Pattern
2	Late Letter Name-Early Syllables & Affixes	Late Within Words Pattern
3	Within Word Patterns-Syllables & Affixes	Early Syllables & Affixes
4	Within Word Patterns-Syllables & Affixes	Middle Syllables & Affixes
5	Syllables & Affixes-Derivational Relations	Late Syllables & Affixes
6+	Syllables & Affixes-Derivational Relations	Derivational Relations

Affix: most commonly a prefix or suffix attached to a base word, stem or root

Derivational: refers to the process by which new words are created from existing words, chiefly through affixation; and the development of a word from its historical origin.