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The Reading Teacher's List of Over 5,500 Basic Spelling Words is now available as an E-book FREE to ALL AVKO MEMBERS!

In the third grade, students in the top 10% in spelling are considered gifted. In the third grade, according to *The New Iowa Spelling Scale*,* 9% of the students can spell the word ski while only 3% can spell the word skis. That means that 67% of the gifted 3rd Grade children could not spell the simple plural of ski. For more samples of the ineffectiveness of traditional methods of teaching spelling

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The Reading Teacher's List of Over 5,500 Basic Spelling Words not only breaks the words down in alphabetical order, but it breaks them down by their level of difficulty as well. This book is now available as an e-book FREE for members on www.avko.org. E-books can be downloaded, and/or printed for your personal use through the website.

**The New Iowa Spelling Scale* by Harry Greene is the only study ever conducted on how well (or how poorly) students spell the most basic words. It is included in this book. As this study was done in 1953, AVKO is actively searching for a university to re-do this study so that creators of spelling curriculum will have available to them a baseline for comparing methods and materials.

Homeschool On The Seas



This year on the July 18-25 Cruise to Alaska, Don McCabe, Research Director of the AVKO Foundation, is going to be presenting AVKO demonstration workshops on HOW TO BE BETTER AT SPELLING AND READING.

Give AVKO as your referral and receive a **FREE** autographed copy of *To Teach A Dyslexic.*

To find out more, [click here](#).

Testimonials



Dear AVKO,

My son is 10 years old and has yet to learn how to spell. I sought the Lord Jesus and asked his help in finding a program that would work. I came across the AVKO program and printed the 8 day spelling program to use with him. IT WORKS! I am thrilled to see his brain making the connection between the sounds and spelling and innate rules. Even in these past few days, I've also been able to see his confidence growing as he realizes he is spelling the words correctly. We'll continue to use your program.

Thanks so much.

Melissa Nesbit

Subject: Bill Gates

Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school.

Rule 1: Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2: The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3: You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10: Television is NOT real life. In real

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life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

If you can read this - Thank a teacher!

If you are reading it in English -Thank a soldier!!

Upcoming Events Workshops and Conventions

March 15:
Home Schooling Works Book Fair

March 27-29:
Cincinnati Homeschool Convention

AVKO is going to be conducting many workshops throughout the summer including the Homeschool On The Seas cruise in July. [Click here](#) to see the schedule so you can attend the events!

Join Today!

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