Creative Spelling and Vocabulary

The Power of The Picture
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Do Not Put Away Your Phone!

1. Find a special picture.

1. Share it with a person next to you.

1. Talk about it for 1 minute. Switch.
Commonly Shared Reasons

Person you care about
Powerful Experience
Recent Memory
Absurdity
Place special to family
Humor
Unique
Artistic expression
The Bottom Line

We don’t forget what is meaningful to us.
How Do We Normally Teach Spelling?
Eric’s Demonstation

...in which Eric takes a live and untamed word and designs a creative spelling card in less than 180 seconds...
The Group Activity Directions

1. Pick either the A word or the B word from your folder. The A word is real and the B word is nonsense.

2. Design a creative way of helping someone remember how to spell this word. Draw your design on the index card.

3. Using your new nifty spelling card, teach your partner how to spell your word.

4. Switch.
Did We Share?

IT’S TIME TO SHARE.
Sample Work

Word Within A Word

Everyone’s An Artist!
more of picture pairing and a word within a word
Picture pairing with a story
Picture pairing and word within a word
Story with Picture
...almost a homonym

He's been in the box so long he grew an extra e.
Acronyms with pictures
Word Clusters

A student sample...
more student samples
Vocabulary Cards

Shape the letters to mimic the meaning.
PULVERIZE

smash!
I have decided to abdicate the throne ... in order to pursue a career in Ultimate Frisbee!
Would you like to try another word?
Summary

3 Keys to Success:

1. Look for words within the word.

2. Pair parts of words with powerful pictures.

3. Add a tiny story (acronym, cartoon, short narrative) that has internal logic. It can be nonsense as long as it makes sense to you.
Thank You!

Before you go, please take a moment to fill out the evaluation and return markers.

May you never see a word in the same way again!

This powerpoint can be accessed at the Ann Arbor Academy website.

References


