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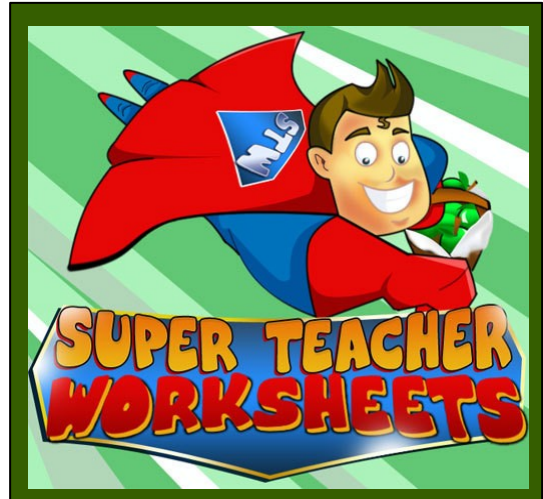
Welcome to the second edition of the **Super Teacher Newsletter!** I can't believe we're already up to 423 subscribers! Maybe we can reach 500 by the next edition.

Many thanks to you all for signing up for this newsletter. And thanks for the positive and constructive feedback.

Part 1 – Spelling Game

Part 2 - What's new at S.T.W.?

Part 3 - Readers' Write



Part I: Spelling Tic-Tac-Toe

Faye, a 2nd grade teacher in Pennsylvania, wrote in awhile back with a description of "Spelling Tic-Tac-Toe." Sometimes kids love even the simplest games. I played it with my class and the kids couldn't get enough.

How to play Spelling Tic Tac Toe:

1. Divide your class into 2 teams. One will be "x" one will be "o"
2. Draw a tic-tac-toe board on the chalkboard.
3. Call the 1st person from each team to the board. They each pick a square, it can be the same square.
4. Give them each a different spelling word.
5. If they get it right they get to make their mark, "x" or "o".
6. If they don't get the word right they don't make a mark.
7. If they both chose the same square and get the word right, they cancel each other out and the square stays empty.
8. When a team gets 3 in a row (like regular tic-tac-toe) they win.

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Part II: What's New at Super Teacher Worksheets?

Umm.... I didn't do a darned thing to the site this week, so there's nothing new.

My excuse: Things have been very busy at school. I've been working on end-of-year testing, report cards, placement cards, requisitions for next year, writing my end-of-year self-evaluations, etc.

So, to make a long story short, I just haven't had time to make any new worksheets to the site this week. BUT, I'll have plenty more up there soon, so stay tuned.

Speaking of dealing with crazy-busy end-of-the-year stress, I was just reading an eBook on the topic, by Marjan Glavac. The book is [How to Make a Difference: Inspiring Students to Do Their Best](#).

Marjan Glavac, a friend of mine, is an inspirational education author. His "Make a Difference" book is full of classroom-tested techniques that will make you a powerful, effective teacher! It includes the secrets to effective discipline, how to create a classroom climate that makes students feel special, and ways to create a stress-free classroom environment.! This eBook includes many bonus materials as well. I'm sure many of you have already seen it, but if you haven't, check it out on [Marjan's Website](#).

I have a wonderful class this year, but they've been acting a little bonkers because they know the summer vacation is almost here – Marjan had several good ideas in his book to help deal with the stress, and keep the kids calm and productive.

Part III: The Readers' Write

I received lots of e-mail this week – several people had kind words to say, a few had questions and requests, one found a type-oh, and one person wrote me an e-mail in another language, so I haven't no idea what it said. :)

----- **From: Christy, Homeschool Teacher**

Just wanted to thank you for your awesome website. I'm a homeschool teacher and often look for extra worksheets. I happened to stumble upon yours and love it. Thank you, your work is very appreciated. :)

(Thanks, Christy! I appreciate the kind words!)

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----- **From: Wendy, 4th Grade Teacher**

I think this website and the items that are available to teachers, for free, are fabulous!!!

Are there any plans to add to the list of 4th grade Spelling lessons? I would enjoy using this Spelling but 13 lessons will certainly not take me through the entire school year. Thank you.

(Yes, more 4th grade spelling lists and worksheets are definitely on the way. I'll try to have them up this summer, before the start of the next school year. The spelling pages are among the most popular on the site, and I realize that they are still incomplete at this point. When the 4th grade set is complete, I hope to have 35 total lists total. There will be 30 regular lists and 5 holiday/seasonal lists.)

Thanks for reading!

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