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Week Five—Day One

Welcome to Charlotte Mason Monday! Charlotte Mason Mondays include: (a) a Charlotte Mason activity using six of our eleven spelling words for the week, and (b) all eleven spelling words and definitions. You can use today’s Charlotte Mason activity alone for the week, the non-Charlotte Mason-themed activities on days two through five, or use all five days of activities together, whatever fits your family’s needs.

Here is our list of words for this week.

1. memories—remembrances; everything you remember
2. remorse—contrition; deep feelings of regret for a wrong that was done
3. concerned—having to do with
4. heroes—people admired for their bravery, good deeds, or contributions in a field
5. envy—jealousy; having bad feelings about someone who has what you want
6. unkindness—cruelty; harshness; being ungracious

Bonus Words
7. standard—requirement; criterion; something used to compare other things to
8. examination—inspection or test
9. constant—never stopping; continuous; perpetual
10. scheduling—planning or arranging for a special time
11. parental—having to do with a father and mother; supervisory

Read each of the words.

Now, go back over the words again. Say the word aloud. Spell the word aloud. Say the word aloud again.

Write each of the words one time. Write your bonus words two times. Don’t forget to include the definitions when you copy the words.

On the following pages is the copywork activity to review these words. The copywork activity continues last week’s copywork with another excerpt from The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain.
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Write your words in alphabetical order on the lines beside the puzzle. Use the list you have written to find each of your spelling words in the word search below.

Vocabulary Builder

Have you ever stopped to think about the fact that we often use the same words over and over to express ourselves? Sometimes we even have trouble saying exactly what we mean because we aren’t sure what words to use to say it. It’s time to liven up our conversation and writing with new words!

Today we are going to start a project that will continue throughout this school year. We will start a dictionary of new words that can be incorporated into our day-to-day lives. (If you are starting this lesson later in the school year, this project can be started at any time.)

Choose a word from this week’s spelling list that you like. It does not matter which word you choose. Print out the dictionary page to use for the exercises we will be doing, or use a piece of notebook paper, whichever you like.
Today’s personal dictionary assignment is to write the word you have chosen to add to your vocabulary at the top of the dictionary page. Look up the word in a dictionary and copy the pronunciation on your dictionary page. Also, write your word divided into syllables. Practice saying the word properly according to the dictionary pronunciation.
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Week Five—Day Three

Fill in the missing letters in the puzzle below to make your spelling words.

Read the following verses or quotations. In each one there is an italicized word that replaces the word that was originally used in the verse or quotation. The italicized word is a synonym for the spelling word which belongs in that spot. Rewrite the verse or quotation using the correct spelling word in place of the italicized word.

1. A sharp tongue is the only edge tool that grows keener with *continuous* use. (Washington Irving)

2. Hold yourself responsible for a higher *requirement* than anybody expects of you. Never excuse yourself. (Henry Ward Beecher)

3. It is my pleasure that my children are free and happy, and unrestrained by *supervisory* tyranny. Love is the chain whereby to bind a child to its parents. (Abraham Lincoln)

Explain what each of the above quotations means to you. Discuss your explanations with a parent after you have written them.
Vocabulary Builder

Today, you are going to write definitions for the word you chose to work with this week. Look up your word in the dictionary and copy one or more of the definitions onto your dictionary page.

Now, use your word in normal conversation at least three times today. Learn to be comfortable with the new word and make it a part of your normal vocabulary.
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Week Five—Day Four

Write the correct spelling word after each definition.

1. Never stopping; continuous; perpetual. ____________________

2. Requirement; criterion; something used to compare other things to. ____________________

3. Remembrances; everything you remember. ____________________

4. Jealousy; having bad feelings about someone who has what you want. ____________________

5. Contrition; deep feelings of regret for a wrong that was done. ____________________

6. Having to do with a father and mother; supervisory. ____________________

7. Having to do with. ____________________

8. Planning or arranging for a special time. ____________________

9. People admired for their bravery, good deeds, or contributions in a field. ____________________

10. Cruelty; harshness; being ungracious. ____________________

11. Inspection or test. ____________________

Vocabulary Builder

Today, you are going to write two sentences on your dictionary page for the word you chose to work with this week.

Now, use your word in normal conversation at least three times again today. This will help you remember the word when you are talking about things with friends and family.
Imagine you have a job where you are helping to make a page-a-day calendar. Decide if you want your calendar to be humorous, sentimental, inspirational, have words of wisdom, etc. You are assigned the eleven words above to make pages for. In the boxes that follow, make a page for each word. On the page, write the spelling word and definition, then use the word in a sentence that fits the type of page-a-day calendar you are working on.
Vocabulary Builder

Review the word you have chosen for your dictionary page. Continue to use it whenever it fits into daily conversation and writing.
Quotations:

1. A sharp tongue is the only edge tool that grows keener with constant use. (Washington Irving)

2. Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anybody expects of you. Never excuse yourself. (Henry Ward Beecher)

3. It is my pleasure that my children are free and happy, and unrestrained by parental tyranny. Love is the chain whereby to bind a child to its parents. (Abraham Lincoln)
Answer Key Day Four:

1. constant
2. standard
3. memories
4. envy
5. remorse
6. parental
7. concerned
8. scheduling
9. heroes
10. unkindness
11. examination