

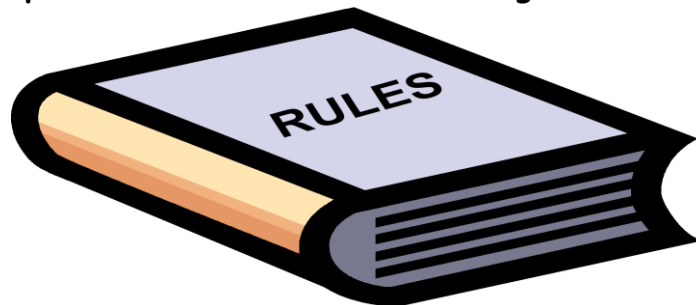


Dear ICCI Parents,

We are happy to be hosting the ICCI Academy Annual Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 21, 2019. This event will be coordinated by Ms. Manal Malluh.

On Thursday, February 14, students will participate in the preliminary round – a classroom spelling bee. Only prepared students will move on to the finals. This will be decided by the classroom teacher. All prepared students will move on. Word lists have been sent home with the students to practice and review. Students will practice the words in class as well. All parents are welcome to attend the finals.

We hope this will be a positive experience for your child. We encourage all students to participate and to do their best during the classroom competitions.



1. Students will compete against their classmates beginning with grade level spelling list words. If all the words are exhausted, and competitors remain, the list for the next grade level will be used.
2. The contest will be oral.
3. In competition, after the pronouncer gives the speller a word, the speller will be encouraged to pronounce the word before and after spelling it. The judges may not disqualify a speller for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it.
4. It is the responsibility of the speller (1) to gather as much information as

possible to help spell the word correctly and (2) to spell the word correctly. The judges may not disqualify a speller for asking a question.

5. The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again, define it, use it in a sentence, provide the part of speech, and/or provide the language of origin. The pronouncer shall grant all such requests until the judges agree that the word has been made reasonably clear to the speller.
6. The judges may disqualify any speller who ignores a request to start spelling.
7. Having started to spell a word, a speller may stop and start over. The speller must tell the judges that he or she is starting over, and he/she may start over only once.
8. Upon missing the spelling of a word, the speller immediately drops out of the competition. The next speller is given the same word.
9. When the contestants are reduced to two, the elimination procedure changes. At that point, when one contestant misspells a word, the other contestant shall be given an opportunity to spell that same word. If the second contestant spells the word correctly, plus another given word, then she/he shall be declared the winner.
10. If one of the last two spellers misses a word and the other, after correcting the error, misspells the new word submitted to her/him then the misspelled new word shall be referred to the first speller. If the first speller then succeeds in correcting the error and correctly spells another given word, then she/he shall be declared the winner.
11. If both spellers misspell the same word, both shall continue in the contest.
12. If a word has one or more homonyms, the pronouncer will indicate which word is to be spelled. If the listed word is not properly identified, either by defining it or distinguishing the homonyms, any correct spelling of any homonym of the word will be accepted.
13. The speller will be disqualified for failing to note that a word is capitalized or indicating a hyphen or accent in a word.
14. The judges are in complete control of the competition. Their decisions are FINAL.