Words Their Way Schedule

Day 1: Cut apart squares and do an open sort without direction (students look at words/ pictures and figure out how they would sort them). Take a picture on the iPad for documentation.

* Introduce words/ pictures verbally
* Notice their pattern choices and take notes for instruction
* Direct instruction of spelling rule in small groups

Day 2: Closed sort with heading

* May be a sound only sort (if multiple sounds are represented)
* Choose an activity to practice words from menu.

Day 3: Speed sorts (time for 2 or 3 minutes)

* Choose an activity to practice words from menu.

Day 4: Attach a name to the pattern (sound or spelling), sort and write words in workbook.

* Choose an activity to practice words from menu.

Day 5: Spelling Test