

2010-11 Faria Spelling Bee Written Round Instructions

Nov. 4, 2010, 6:30 p.m., GLC

Thank you for registering to participate in Faria's Spelling Bee. Below are some important instructions and information about the written round. Please read through the document carefully and familiarize your child with the format of the event.

Contact parent volunteers, Rohini : irohini@hotmail.com or Lakshmi: nauroprem@yahoo.com for clarifications/questions.

General Information:

The Written round is common for all grades. It consists of 35 words for which the participant needs to write the spelling in the appropriate blank row of the sheet provided. The first 20 words are selected from the published study list that was provided. The next 15 words are new words. There is no partial credit. A correct word is awarded one point and an incorrect word is awarded zero points. There is no negative scoring for incorrect words.

A total of thirty participants will proceed to the Oral Finals on Dec. 7, 2010. The top scorer in each grade in the written round, and the top twenty-seven finishers amongst the remaining participants will qualify to participate in the oral round. In the event of ties, scores among word groups will be utilized to determine the qualifying finalists. Additional criteria may be utilized, at the discretion of the judges, to resolve ties.

An e-mail will be sent to all participants with a list of students who qualify for the Oral round. Oral round rules will be provided to the qualifiers. The results will also be posted on the school office window on Nov. 12th.

During check-in for the written round on the 4th, please verify that we have your e-mail.

Arrival for Written Round:

- **Please plan to arrive at 6:15 p.m.** We will begin on time at 6:30 p.m. Late comers will not be permitted once the Bee has begun.
- Check-in your child at the registration desk. Provide your e-mail ID, if we don't already have it.
- **Seating is numbered.** At check-in, participants will randomly pick a number and seat themselves at that numbered seat. Parents will not be permitted beyond the check-in point.
- Please have your child use the restroom, eat, drink water etc. before the event. Leaving the room while the Bee is in session may result in elimination.
- **Please have your child bring pencils and an eraser.**
- A lined paper will be provided by us to write the words.
- Parents are not permitted inside the room. They may wait outside until the event is complete. If you plan to leave, please make sure you return at 7:00 p.m. There will be no adult supervision beyond 7:15 p.m.

During the Written Bee:

- After the child has been checked-in, they can seat themselves at their numbered seat.
- Instructions and examples will be given on the format of the testing.
- **Participants must write their full name, grade, and room number on the sheet. Papers with no names will be disqualified.**
- A few minutes will be provided to answer any questions the children may have. No talking or disruptions are permitted once the Bee has begun.
- **Each word will be pronounced, followed by its part of speech, meaning, usage in a sentence, and then the word is pronounced again.**
- It is very important that the participant listens carefully and pays attention when the word is being pronounced. He/she may not interrupt the session for clarifications or repeats.
- Participants must write the words in the appropriate blank row. Words must be written in the order that they are called out. If they skip/miss a word, then they must skip that line on their sheet. This is very important since scoring and tie-breaks are based on word numbers. Any errors can jeopardize their score.
- Please write clearly and legibly. Unclear words will be scored as misspelled.

An example word:

Word: Ready

Part of Speech: Adjective

Meaning: Prepared mentally or physically for some experience or action

Usage in a sentence: Are you all ready to begin the spelling bee?

Word is repeated: Ready

After the Bee:

- Once the Bee ends, participants cannot continue writing/correcting while the sheets are being collected. If they do so, they may be disqualified.
- Please return your sheet before you leave. Verify that you have written your name, grade and room number before you turn it in.
- Parents can pick up their children once the Bee is completed. Please make sure that you are there at 7:00 p.m. **There will be no adult supervision beyond 7:15 p.m.**

The judges' decisions are final.

This is a volunteer run event. Every effort will be made to ensure that it runs smoothly. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We want this to be a fun event for the children. Enjoy!

Thank you.

Lakshmi, Parimal & Rohini

2010-11 Faria Spelling Bee Coordinators