



Laura Days Spelling Bee Guidelines

**COME, TRY YOUR HAND AT OUR OLD-TIME SPELLING
BEE!**

**REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL EACH CATEGORY IS FILLED.
- LIMIT 15 COMPETITORS IN EACH CATEGORY -**

COMPETITORS WILL BE GROUPED IN THREE AGE CATEGORIES:

First/Second Grade • Third/Fourth Grade • Fifth/Sixth Grade

GRADE LEVELS ARE THOSE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2024:

COMPETITION BEGINS AT 2:30 PM ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

PROCEDURES:

- We will begin with the youngest category and invite them to the stage to be seated.
- The pronouncer introduces the contest and starts things off by explaining the rules to the contestants
- The first contestant is called and the pronouncer announces the word to be spelled. The pronouncer speaks slowly and clearly, without distorting the normal pronunciation of the word. The word is used in a sentence and then repeated
- The speller listens carefully to the pronouncer, and if necessary, asks for the word to be repeated.
- When the speller is sure they understand the word, they pronounce it, spell it, and then say the word again. They must say it loudly enough for the judge to hear (Judge is seated in the first row of the audience).
- The judge determines whether or not the word was spelled correctly.
- If the correct spelling was given, the speller remains in the contest.
- If the spelling was incorrect, that speller is eliminated from the contest. The pronouncer then gives the correct spelling of the word.
- The speller leaves the stage and a volunteer gives them their hot dog meal ticket for Laura's Vittles House.
- The pronouncer then reads a new word to the next student.
- When there are only two spellers left, if one contestant misspells a word, the other player must spell that word correctly to win. If they cannot, another word is given to the first player and they spell it. This process repeats until one contestant misspells and the other contestant spells correctly.

First & Second Place prizes in each age category: a \$10 gift certificate to the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum.

The Spelling Bee rules will be reviewed on stage prior to the competition.

Certificates for a free hot dog and chips from the Laura's Vittles booth will be given to each contestant.