

## First Grade Trick Word Games

### **SNAP!**

For this game you will use all (or a selection) of trick words AND the cards that say SNAP with an alligator on them. Shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile. Take turns picking up a card and reading the trick word that is on it. If you read the trick word correctly, you get to keep that trick word card. If you get a SNAP card then you have to put all of the trick word cards back into the pile. See how many cards you can get all together. Play again to try to beat your record!

### **Trick Word Bingo**

You or your child can copy their trick words onto the Bingo templates. There is one provided or you can draw your own on a piece of paper. Each Bingo board should have words listed in a different order. Shuffle the trick word cards and pull one word out at a time to read out loud (don't let your child see the card as they need to recognize the word on their board). When the word is called, place a coin on the word. The first person to get all the words covered in one row is the winner. This is an excellent tool for building sight word recognition.

### **Trick Word GO FISH**

You need two sets of trick word cards for this game. Each player is dealt FIVE trick word cards, and the rest of the cards are neatly stacked face down in a pile in the center of the table. As in the card game, "Go Fish," players take turns asking each other for specific cards to make a pair. For example, Player One may ask Player Two, "Do you have the word 'the'?" If Player Two has that card in her hand, she gives the card to Player One, who pairs it with the matching "the" card in his hand to make a pair. If Player Two does not have the card she is asked for, she says, "Go fish!", and Player One must draw a card from the pile to add to his hand. The first player to collect the matching cards to all the cards in his or her hand wins the game!

### **Trick Word Concentration**

You will need two sets of cards for this game. You will need to choose a selection of trick words to play this game (no more than 10 pairs). The goal of this game is to collect the most pairs. Using the trick word game cards, place all the cards face down on a table. The oldest person goes first, which typically gives younger players an advantage. He selects two cards and turns them over. If they are a pair, he keeps them and selects 2 more cards. His turn is over when he does not match cards. He must put them back in the same position. The key to winning this game is to remember the location of each card. Since the underlying object of this game is to develop a sight word vocabulary, every time a card is turned over it should be read aloud. If your child doesn't automatically recognize the word, have another child read it or you can read it. It is also a good idea to review the cards prior to playing – repeated exposure to trick words helps a child develop a sight word vocabulary