

The Speller's Bill of Rights

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1. The right to express yourself in first-draft writing regardless of what words you do and don't know how to spell.
2. The right to do a lot of reading, which is probably the greatest single factor in spelling acquisition.
3. The right to actively construct knowledge about the spelling system.
4. The right to developmentally appropriate education in spelling.
5. The right to learn that spelling does matter.
6. The right to know about and have available a lot of ways to come up with spellings (including just knowing how to spell the word).
7. The right to learn to proofread.
8. The right to have spelling placed in its proper context as a small piece of the writing and language-learning process.
9. The right to be valued as a human being regardless of your spelling.

