

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **Sight Words and Sentences.**

**You are now ready to teach your child Sight Words, those few words that break phonics sounding-out rules, but that are necessary to know in order to learn to read sentences at a beginning reader level. Sight words are joined together with simple three and four-letter, short vowel, words to create beginner sentences.**

**Let me stop here and explain *The Candy 4WAY Phonics* philosophy about Sight Words. Our list of Sight Words separates *The Candy 4WAY Phonics Program* from most other reading programs sold in America.**

**Most educators agree that Sight Words are “those words that do not follow regular phonetic patterns and rules.” Therefore, Sight Words are words that your child **MUST MEMORIZE – NOT SOUND OUT – BUT MEMORIZE.****

**I partially agree with this definition.**

**I believe that there certainly is a list of words that must be memorized, but I believe that list is much smaller than most reading programs promote. This is because of two reasons:**

**First, the long lists of Sight Words in most other phonics programs include words that can be sounded out**

**and**

**Second, many of the Sight Words that appear on these long lists are simply there because they are words that appear frequently in children’s book series such as**