# **Curriculum Objectives**

Specific one-sentence curriculum objectives are given for every activity found in *A Reason For Spelling*<sup>®</sup>. These descriptions can be found in the introduction section of the Teacher Guidebook (see page XIX).

## **Word Lists**

Word Lists for each Level can be found in the introduction section of the Teacher Guidebook (see page XIV). Word lists for adjacent levels can be found here, too.

All Word Lists used in *A Reason For Spelling*® are based on frequency of use in student and adult writing; frequency of use in reading materials; spelling difficulty; and grade level familiarity.

Studies used in the development of these lists include: *Dolch Basic Sight Vocabulary*; *The American Heritage Word Frequency Book*; *Starter Words*; and *A Basic Vocabulary of Elementary School Children*. These standard references were extensively cross-checked with other respected studies (Gates; Horn; Greene & Loomer; Harris & Jacobson; etc.)

## **Sound/Letter Associations**

(For sound descriptions, see "Common Spelling Patterns" - Teacher Guidebook, page XX. For additional information, see "Generalizations" - Teacher Guidebook, page XI.)

Vowels	/a/	Lesson 1, 13
	$/\bar{a}/$	Lesson 7
	/e/	Lesson 2
	/ <del>e</del> /	Lesson 8
	/i/	Lesson 3, 5
	$/\overline{i}/$	Lesson 9, 17
	/o/	Lesson 4, 14
	/ <del>o</del> /	Lesson 10
	/ô/	Lesson 4
	/u/	Lesson 5
	$/\overline{\mathrm{u}}/$	Lesson 11
	/ü/	Lesson 11
Consonants	/f/	Lesson 19
	/j/	Lesson 20

## Consonants (cont.)

/k/ Lesson 21 /z/ Lesson 22

Blends /ə/ Lesson 5

Lesson 16 /ar/ /ar/ Lesson 15 /ar/ Lesson 16 Lesson 25 /ə1/ /ər/ Lesson 26 /âs/ Lesson 27 Lesson 28 /or/ /ôu/ Lesson 29 /ur/ Lesson 26

## Additional Focus Areas:

Compound Words Lesson 23 Silent Letters Lesson 31

Review Lessons Lesson 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 32

# **Placement Test Word List**

(See Teacher Guidebook, page III.)

11. dolphin 1. athlete 12. plunge 2. respect 3. launch 13. chorus 4. museum 14. design 15. dribble 5. piece 16. version 6. gallon 7. deposit 17. citrus 18. formula 8. carton 19. account 9. narrow 20. rhyme 10. dining