## **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
	$/\bar{a}/$	Lesson 7
	/e/	Lesson 2
	/ē/	Lesson 8
	/i/	Lesson 3
	$/\overline{i}/$	Lesson 9
	/o/	Lesson 4
	/ <del>o</del> /	Lesson 10
Consonants	/j/	Lesson 14
	/k/	/kw/ Lesson 15
	/z/	Lesson 16

Blends /ə/ Lesson 21 /əl/ Lesson 5 /ər/ Lesson 20 /îr/ Lesson 11

Homographs Lesson 28

Homophones Lesson 29

Prefixes dis- Lesson 22 over- / under- Lesson 23

Suffixes -ance, -ant Lesson 31

-ant / -ent Lesson 27
-ed / -ing Lesson 13
-ence / -ent Lesson 31
-ion / -ian Lesson 17; 25
-ive Lesson 19
-ly / -ty Lesson 26

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

## **Placement Test Word List**

(See Teacher Guidebook, page III.)

1. galaxy 11. shoulder 2. attempt 12. capitol 3. symbol 13. discover 4. octagon 14. passenger 5. edible 15. decision 6. apology 16. community 7. equipment 17. vacant 8. exercise 18. project 9. cafeteria 19. straight 10. cursive 20. explain