

Word Wall Activities:

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Letter and Rhyme

Teacher says "The word rhymes with *name* and begins with /c/." The children write the word, pronounce in unison and clap and chant the spelling.

What Word Makes Sense

Teacher prepares 5 sentence strips leaving a blank for the targeted word. E.G. "I will go _____ after school." The teacher writes *h* on the board and says, "The word begins with *h* and makes sense in the sentence." Children find *h* on the word wall and decide which word fits the sentence. They write the word (*home*), and then everyone claps and chants the spelling. The sentence strips can go in the literacy center for children to practice again.

Word Wall Sentences

Teacher dictates a sentence using mostly word wall words such as "This little pig went home." Then she dictates each word again with time for the children to write it. She reminds them that sentences begin with a capital and end with a period.

Read My Mind

Children number the paper from 1 to 5. Teacher chooses a word from the WW and writes it on folded paper so no one can see. She gives 5 clues beginning with "It is a word on our word wall." Children look over the WW and write a word. Each clue is a little more specific. Children are both reading and writing WW words while teacher is using concepts such as vowels or syllables as clues.