

Word/Language Wall Activities

"You have to 'do' the word wall."

- *Illustrate pictures to go with words when you post them
- *Write synonyms along with words when you post them
- *Manipulate/Match words and pictures
- *"Hunt" for words around the room
- *Play "I Spy" a word
- *Make words with word cards and magnet letters, or a variety of other materials
- *Create word sort activities using the words based on themes, words from a text, word endings and families, blends, word webs, etc...
- *Be the teacher - students make up a quiz and quiz their partners on the word wall words through a spelling test
- *Guess That Word - students give hints to what word they are thinking of by describing the formation of the word
- *Let's Be Creative - students write a story that consists of as many word wall words as possible
- *Letters in My First Name - students write their name vertically and then match two word wall words to each letter in their name
- *Letters in Words - students pick ten word wall words and then find two or more words that have the same letter as the original word
- *Rainbow Writing - students write the words from the word wall in different crayons focusing on the configuration of the word while writing

*Shape of Words - students focus on letter formation (tall, small, and dropped letters) in word wall words and write the words that are tall, small, and dropped

*Word Wall Toss - student passes a beach ball to another student and asks him or her to say and spell a word that is currently on the word wall

*Wordo - similar to Bingo, but with word wall words in the game squares

*Words in ABC Order - students pick ten words and place them in the correct alphabetic order

*Word Wall Discussion - as a review for science or social studies unit, put students into pairs and give them a word from the word wall on that unit. Students have to take turns using the word in a sentence and/or give a definition in their own words. Do pair/share.

*Word Wall Summary Piece - as a review for science or social studies lessons, have students select a certain number of words from the word wall on that unit and write a summary paragraph using those words. Have them underline the words as they use them.

*Create or have students create poems, songs, chants, or stories pulling key words from your Word Walls on various subjects

*Personal Word Wall Folder - create a personal word wall folder for each student to keep track of words throughout the school year

Please let us know what other activities you use or can think of so we can add to this list!!! We will post this on our website.