

Word Wall



Ideas for everyday use of a Word Wall to develop vocabulary knowledge and fluency by the students:

- Give 3 cloze sentences for student to fill in with words from Word Wall. (ex. We walked around the _____ of the school.)
- Have students write own sentences with words from the Word Wall.
- Have students share three sentences written by their cooperative group on an overhead or document camera.
- Have students share examples of hearing, seeing, or using a word from the Word Wall from their personal lives.
- Give participation points or extra credit when students use Word Wall words in their own writing and verbal sharing.
- Make a game by giving a definition for a word and students race to write the word on the board.
- Have students make a connection between pairs of words to help memory. Ask students to tell the two words that they think go together or are connected in some way and to justify their reasoning.
- Give a clue about a word and then ask students to find the word on the wall that goes with the clue. (ex. This word names a polygon with five sides...pentagon.)
- Select a Word Wall word and ask students to work with a partner to create a quick web of all the words they can think of that go with that word.
- Say a sentence, but leave out a word (from the wall). Have students guess which word belongs in the sentence.
- Scramble the letters in a word. Give students a clue to its meaning and see if they can unscramble the word.
- Share a topic with the class (e.g. multiplication) and ask students to find all of the words on the wall that connect to the topic.
- Make a picture or photo book using the Word Wall words using a scrapbook format, PowerPoint, or video.
- Play “Sally Walker,” a song/movement game for learning vocabulary.
- Write a story, poem, paragraph or letter including a set number of words from the Word Wall.