

**HOW TO USE WORD WALLS****Word Walls that Work !**

How can you tell if a word wall is helping children learn words? Word walls work when students actually use them. You will see youngsters looking to the word wall for help with reading , spelling and figuring out how words work. It's as simple as that! If your word wall is being ignored by students, take it down and start over. You can put the same word wall up again. By using the ideas in this book, it will be a word wall that your students actually use! The classroom word wall can enhance your reading, writing and spelling programs. It can be a springboard for a wide variety of valuable learning activities! Consult this book for the ideas you need to get a successful word wall started today.

**Perfect Places for Word Walls**

A perfect place is where the word wall is easy to see from around the room. The word wall is a focal point in the classroom.

Pick a highly-visible spot for your word wall such as:

- a bulletin board -- cover the board with colorful paper or fabric.
- paper banners -- strung on a line.
- on the walls -- Is there space above the chalkboards or windows?
- the chalk board -- Will a section of your chalkboard work?
- across the windows -- can you hang a big paper banner for words
- a cardboard screen -- make a four-panel screen from a large appliance box. cover with paper or fabric.

