

Purpose & SOL

- Students will review and practice their word wall words by reading and spelling them with movement.
- Language Arts K.6d, 1.13, 2.13

Materials

- Word wall squat hop word cards (write word wall words on notecards with 2 different colors - one for consonants and one for vowels).
- Wacky word wall cards

Length
20 min.

Introduction

To get warmed up for this game, students will play a quick game of word wall squat hop. To play, write a series of word wall words on index cards using two different colored markers. Write the vowels in green and the consonants in blue. When reviewing the words the students will spell the word and green letters they will squat and blue letters they will hop. Choose between 5-7 words to review.

Implementation

Exercise the Answer

1. Students will stand behind their desks waiting for the first wacky word.
2. Hold up the first word card and ask students to jog in place if they know the word. Choose a student to read the word.
3. Have the class agree or disagree and read the word aloud as well.
4. If the student is correct, have them come forward and choose a wacky word card.
5. Have the class act out the movement that was selected as they spell the word.
6. Repeat until students have reviewed several key words.

Cool Down

To close, students will participate in seated stretches. They will reach their arms up and stretch the left for 10 seconds and then to the right for 10 seconds. Finally, they will take 3 extend exhales.

Modifications

Come up with any other wacky ways to spell words! We found our ideas at:
<http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/kindergarten/docs/4blocks.pdf>



Hand Jive

- Children clap hands together for consonants and clap their laps for vowels.
- Put hands in the air at the end as you repeat the word.

Raise the Roof

- For each letter push hands up towards the sky.
- Keep hands in the air when saying the word at the end.

Hula Dance

- Swivel hips to the left and swivel hips to the right for each letter.
- Hands go into the air when you say the word.

Blast off

- Start in a crouched position low to the ground.
- For each letter raise your body just a bit higher until the last letter when you blast off and jump into the air.

Alligator Clap

- Hold arms straight out from body with fingers curled to represent teeth.
- Open and close arms for each letter of the word.

Dribble and Shoot

- Dribble an imaginary basketball or soccer ball for each letter and shoot at the end when you say the word.

Frog Jumps

- Start standing up.
- As you say each letter crouch down a little farther.
- Jump into the air the end as you say the word.

Jumping Jacks

- Perform one jumping jack for each letter in the word.

Lumber Jack

- Pretend to swing an ax for each letter.
- Pretend the tree is falling down at the end and say the word the way a lumberjack would say "TIMBER".

At the Mound

- Pretend to be a pitcher at the mound and pitch each letter.
- Watch the last pitch get hit as you repeat the word at the end.

Surfin' and Spellin'

- Start by hopping on your surfboard.
- Sing, "let's go spelling now, everybody's learning how, come on and spell it with me."
- Then, while surfing, say each letter of the word.

The Swim

- Swim each letter of the word.
- Hold your nose and swivel down when repeating the word at the end.