Word Wall Activities

1. **Rhyme with the Word Wall** – Teacher says a sentence which contains a word that rhymes with one of the Word Wall words and is spelled with the same pattern. (i.e. it begins with a "t" and rhymes with walk)
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2. **Clap, Chant, Write** – Have students see the word, say the word, and chant the words (snap, clap, stomp, cheer)
Sigmon, C. (1997), 4-Blocks Literacy model. N.C.

3. **Cross-Checking** – Call out several words that begin with the same letter like: went, what, was, want, and where. Say a sentence leaving out one of the words and students decide which word makes sense.
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4. **Make sentences** – dictate a sentence using several of the word wall words:
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5. **Be a Mind Reader** – Teacher thinks of a word on the word wall and then gives five clues to that word.
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6. **Ruler Tap** - Say the word, then tap and say several letters in that word, but not the whole word: come, c-o. Call on student to finish spelling the word out loud; m-e
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7. **Bingo** – Using a 9 or 25 grid students write words on grid and then play Bingo.
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8. **Word Sorts** - Write 10-15 words on large index cards and place in the pocket chart. Students write the words on smaller cards or paper. Have students sort the words into different piles depending on some features certain words share.
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9. **Guess the Covered Word** - Teacher writes 4 or 5 sentences on board or overhead. Cover a word in each sentence with two sticky notes – one covering the onset, the other covering the rime.
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10. **Flashlight Fun** - Turn out the lights say the poem and shine the flashlight on individual words.

Flashlight, flashlight, oh so bright
Shine on a word with your light.

Gruber, B. (1998). Instant Word Wall High Frequency Words.