

ACTION WORD WALL **Verbs - Words that Describe Action**

What better place than in the gymnasium or active classroom to display action words? Dedicate an area of the gym or class wall as the "Action Word Wall". Each time you teach an action during class, post the Action Word on the Action Word Wall.

Teach the action, let the students see the actual action word, then have the students spell the word as they perform the action. It is a great way to teach children that words have meaning!

At the beginning of the new school year when locomotive skills are being introduced is the perfect time to start your Action Word Wall. An action as simple as WALK can take time. Posture, heel strike, and speed may come naturally to some, but many will need proper instruction. Once the students have achieved the correct body positioning, speed can be regulated by the beat of a drum, tambourine, or music being played. Have the children say the action word, WALK, then spell the action word, W-A-L-K in rhythm with the music. This technique can be applied to almost all of the Action Words provided for you.

Another example of practical use would be with a word like DRIBBLE. Dribbling is the method of bouncing the ball with one hand used in basketball. During a basketball dribbling lesson, have students spell out the action word D-R-I-B-B-L-E as they bounce the ball. This also works with words like ALTERNATE (refers to the switching of hands as the ball is being bounced, one hand then the other). Try it; your students will enjoy the physical and mental challenge.

As with any other material you will re-use, the word walls can be laminated for longer use.

