



**BRINGING A SMILE TO READING
A BALANCED APPROACH**

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PHONOLOGICAL/PHONEMIC AWARENESS

SOME ACTIVITIES:

- Manipulatives to match stories (i.e. Dr. Seuss hats, eggs, sox...)
- "Ear's" to you activity
- Paper Chains
- Monster/bear at the front door, back door, inside activity

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SOME MORE ACTIVITIES:

- Scavenger hunt for sounds
- Bag of Treasure
- Poems that play with sounds...
- Tongue twisters for specific sound focus

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PHONICS- MAKING IT VISUAL

o **Some ideas:**

- **HAPPY MAD VOWELS**

- **Y IN DISGUISE**

- **R- CONTROLLED**

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MORE PHONICS ACTIVITIES...

Word Math (Hayes Vocabulary book)

- o **Rule-Breakers Jail Bulletin Board**
- o **Hunt for phonic elements in comic strips**
- o **Poetry for rhyming**
- o **Is it a real word? Activities/games...**

o **Some ideas:**
Word Sorts

ie. Laundry in laundry baskets

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INCREASING SIGHT WORD BANK

- o **Dolch List (or similar list)**
Introduce some not all
Drill and practice till mastery
Review Periodically
- o **Direction Words**
- o **Functional/Survival Words**

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MAKING WORDS ...

- Build a Word Bulletin board
- **Alphabet Soup**
- **Magic out of a hat**

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IDEAS FOR BUILDING SIGHT WORDS BANK

- Missing Letter Arrays
- Compound parts "war"
- Funny Word sorts...
- Picture Word Inductive Model – Calhoun
- Generating words on a specific theme...

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TEACHING WORD RELATIONSHIPS

- Riddles and word meaning/relationships...
- Change a sentence from the text by switching a synonym or antonym for a word.
- Word journeys



IDEAS FOR COMPREHENSION

- o 1. **Illustrate words/phrases/ sentences/stanzas**
- o 2. **Convert dialogue into comic bubbles.**
- o 3. **Take a phone message from a character**
- o 4. **Answer as the character..**
- o 5. **"Question out of a Hat" (Seuss, Witch's,..)**
- o 6. **Graphic organizer for specific comprehension tasks**
- o 7. **Summary Cues- The Interrogation Squad**

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