

Blends Poster

This idea came from Jaime, a first grade teacher who posted it on Teachers.net. After reading through her description, I contacted her and asked if she would mind sharing the project that she and her team use to facilitate the development of and mastery of blends. She wouldn't take credit for the origination of the project, but was willing to share on my site so that other teachers can use it. Thanks Jaime!

"We do a blends poster. We send it home as a first grade project and it takes about a month for them to complete. It really helps the kids to hear the sounds."

Jaime and her team send a letter home that describes the project and the rubric that they use to score it. You'll find those on the following pages.

Dear Parents,

In our Language Arts Class we have discussed a PROJECT for you and your child to work on together. It will be due on _____. This will give your child plenty of time to have this completed. This will count as a test grade and it is very important for this to be done. First of all, it will help your child develop phonemic awareness of beginning blends, it will help him/her organize material, and follow directions, but most of all it will give your whole family an opportunity to work together and do some school work that can be fun.

Please give your child some magazines that can be cut up. He/she will need a full sized sheet of poster board. Any light color will do. Scissors, school glue, and a magic marker for labeling will be needed.

There are 20 blends and I am asking that your child find 4 pictures for each one of these blends. Example: bl: blouse, black, block, blonde. The title of the project is Beginning Blends. Please help your child use a ruler to draw 20 equal size sections to put the small pictures in and allow a space for labeling each picture.

Here is the list of blends for the poster project:

br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, tr, bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl, sn, sm, sk, sp, st, sw, tw


Please remember that this project is due on _____. Magazine and newspaper pictures, coloring books, and computer graphics may be used. Give your child plenty of time and enjoy the work!

Thanks,

The First Grade Teachers

(Please see the reverse side for an example of what the poster board should look like.)

Beginning Blends

br 	cr	dr	fr
gr	pr	tr	bl
cl	fl	gl	pl
sl	sn	sm	sk
sp	st	sw	tw

*Please note that there should be four pictures in each box.

Beginning Blends Poster Project

Name _____

Due Date _____

Your child has been given a test grade on the Beginning Blends Poster Project.
The grade was based on the following points:

_____ (4 pictures and labels for each of the 20 blends)
80 points

_____ (using the correct materials and following all directions)
10 points

_____ (neatness)
10 points

_____ (Total)

100 points

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