

# Letter Walls

## What is a letter wall?

- It is a visual display of the alphabet that can usually be found in most primary classrooms.
- It needs to be sturdy and flexible (so that you can remove and replace letters during activities).
- It should be easy to read and at a child's eye level in alphabetical order, from left to right.

## How can a letter wall be used?

- It can be used to reinforce alphabet knowledge and the alphabetic principle.
- Emergent readers and writers become more aware of letter forms and names while developing the basic letter-sound correspondence.

## How can I make my letter wall more effective?

- Add pictures and words under the letters on the Letter Wall.
- Add student names, school pictures and other words that are important to the children (include pictures to represent each word).
- Allow room for placing words under each letter
- Make it interactive and ongoing
- Use it daily in small group, whole class or one-on-one.

## When do I use the Letter Wall?

### Letter Walls:

- Should be used daily
- Can be used in large group, small group, and/or centers

## Remember!!!

- If children are not interacting and involved with the letter wall, it becomes simply a decoration
- Children will only learn from the letter wall if it is meaningful to them
- Children's interest will be sparked when new games and activities are introduced
- Make the games and activities fun, playful, bold, and interactive

## Letter walls help emergent readers and writers become aware of:

- Letter forms
- Letter names
- Basic letter-sound correspondences
- The idea that words can be written down
- The concept of word
- Beginning letters in familiar words

Letter Walls also help reinforce children's vocabulary development.

## Letter Walls need to:

- Be at children's eye level
- Be displayed in alphabetical order from left to right
- Have room for placement of 4-5 words under each letter
- Have all word cards placed directly under the matching letter
- Have thematic word cards with picture/icons
- Use lowercase letter on word cards (except proper nouns)
- Have children's names with pictures
- Be interactive and ongoing