

Fishing for Sight Words Bulletin Board Project



Supplies Needed:

1. Light blue vinyl tablecloth (background)
2. Stapler
3. Black marker
4. Think Tank Assorted Paper Cut-Outs (Eureka item #841295)
5. Think Tank Fish Extra Wide Die Cut Deco Trim (Eureka item #845147)
6. Lime Green Sequenced Trim (used as fishing wire)
7. Think Tank Scene Poster (Eureka item# 837418)
8. Velcro (both loop and hook sides needed) OR double-sided tape
9. Wooden rod (fishing rod)
10. 3 pieces of blue poster board (water waves)
11. Glue

(see instructions below)

Instructions:

Many children learn more efficiently when things are in pictures or they have visuals to look at and learn from. Presenting children with flashcards or posters of a colorful picture and a word written with it, are excellent sight word teaching tools. This project allows students to learn all different sight words while also having fun. Create your own fish tank and watch how fast children start to recognize each individual sight word.

Step 1: Cover the bulletin board with light blue vinyl tablecloth. This will create an underwater theme background for the board. Make sure to leave some air bubbles and not staple it completely fitted to the board. This allows for a 3-dimensional effect to the water.

Step 2: Staple the Think Tank Fish Extra Wide Die Cut Deco Trim (Eureka item #845147) to the edge of the bulletin board.

Step 3: Take the blue poster board and fold it in half horizontally and cut out ocean waves. Folding it in half will allow you to get two sets of waves out of one piece of poster board.

Step 4: Staple the blue waves to the bottom of the board. Leave some air pockets in-between to create a 3-dimensional effect and a holding pocket for the loose sight words that will be sitting inside waiting for children to fish them out.

Step 5: Take the Think Tank Assorted Paper Cut-Outs (Eureka item #841295) and write all different sight words on each of the paper cut outs with a black marker. Then place either a piece of double-sided tape or Velcro (loop end) onto the back of each paper cut out. Some of the paper cut-outs can be taped to the light blue vinyl background and the rest will be placed inside the waves for children to retrieve.

Step 6: Take the Think Tank Scene Poster (Eureka item# 837418) and write in black marker "Fishing for Sight Words". Place it in the middle of the bulletin board.

Step 7: Take the wooden rod and glue the Lime Green Sequenced Trim to the top of one end of the rod. This will create fishing wire. Take a piece of Velcro (hook end) and glue it to the other end of the rod.

Step 8: Give the wooden rod to children and ask them to "fish" for a particular sight word. See if they "catch" any.