



## WORD WALL CHANTS

**Caribbean Spelling** — hands on hips, and swivel on each letter. On the word, say, "Wool!"

**Sing opera style**

**Box It / Kickbox It** — Correspond right/left arm/leg with vowels or consonants

**Frisbee** — throw each letter as you would a frisbee

**Yo-yo** — bend your arms at the elbow and alternate your hands up and down as you say each letter.

**Voices** — change your voice for each repetition: loud, soft, whisper, squeak, growl, baby-talk, etc.

**Groups** — different groups cheer after each other (boys, then girls, then whole class)

**Blast Off** - start crouched at floor as you say each letter get a little higher, when jump into the air as you say the whole word I also use frog-jumps. They are similar to Blast-off. We start standing up. As we say each letter, we crouch down a little farther. Then, as we say the word, we "jump".

**Hand Jive** - just like on the playground, pair up and clap hands for consonants and lap clap for vowels

**Back Tracer** - sit in circle and trace the letters as you spell on a partners back

**Mouse** -squeaky voice with hands curled up by face

**Robot** -in robotic voice with arms moving back and forth ("Danger! Danger! Will Robinson" style)

**Fly it like a bird** -arms flapping up and down

**Chicken** - arms folded up to make wings and head moving forward

**Nose** - hold your nose and spell it

**Cheer It** (Give me an "h" , etc.) Like a cheerleader.

**Pat** -- pat our heads for tall letters, tummies for short letters and knees for ones that go below the line

**Beat it on our Desks**

**Snap and Clap** -- We snap for the vowels and clap for the consonants.

**Raise the Roof** -- We just push up toward the ceiling, one push for each letter.

**Ketchup** -- Shake our hand like we're trying to get ketchup out of a bottle.

**Disco** (Hand up for consonants, hand down for vowels) Pretend to be John Travolta.



**Throw the Stars** -- Throw one hand at a time toward the ceiling for each letter.

**Be the Letter** (Body Language) -- For "s" we slither down to the floor while saying "e-e-e-s-s-".

**Mexican Hat Dance** (alternate feet in front)

**Flapping and Nodding** -- Pretend you're a bird and flap your wings and nod your head for each letter.

**Stomping** -- Just stomp your feet for each letter.

**Army** -- march letters and salute on the word

**Clapping Syllables** -- Just clap for each syllable

**Explosion** (Volcano) (whisper, normal, loud) They love to do this. Pretty self-explanatory.

**Marshmallow Clap** - Almost clap but stop before your hand touch. Say each letter.

**Hula** -- hands on hips, swivel, hands in air to say word

**Jumping Jacks** -- One letter for each movement.

**Toe Touches** - touch your toes for each letter.

**BATTER UP** - We get into the batting position and swing on each letter as we say it

**SLOW** We hold the sound of the letter or a few seconds like sit...s.....i.....t.....

**Motorcycle** - We just hang on to "handle bars" and pretend that we are doing wheelies..!

**Dribble and Shoot** -- Dribble the letters and shoot the word.

**Cowboy** -- straddle chair and lasso

**Push-ups** - or stomach crunches, bicep curls, etc.

**Blowing Kisses** -- kiss for each letter and 2 hands kiss (extend both arms out and up) for the word

**Pass the Ball** - sit in circle and pass the ball. Last person says word and chooses the next word.