Word Wall Activities

Be a Mind Reader:
1. Pass out slates and wipe-off markers.
2. Have students number their slates from 1-5.
3. Tell students that you're going to think of a word & they're supposed to try & read your mind.
4. Tell them that they will be given 5 clues, and that they will write a guess for each clue. (Everyone should get the word by the 5th clue, but some may get it earlier!)
5. The first clue is always this: It's one of the word wall words.
6. The students should write their guess next to #1.
7. Each succeeding clue should narrow the choices down until by clue #5, there is only one possible word.
8. As you read the clues, students should write a guess for each clue. If succeeding clues confirm the word that the student guesses, he or she should write the same word next to the following number(s).

Be a Mind Reader Examples:

1. It's one of the word wall words.
2. It has four letters.
3. It begins with w-h.
4. The vowel is an e.
5. It begins the sentence: ______ will lunch be ready?

The mystery word = when

1. It's one of the word wall words.
2. It has more than three letters.
3. It has less than five letters.
4. It has a silent e.
5. It rhymes with smoke.

The mystery word = joke