



Word Work

Spelling and Vocabulary

Urgency:

- Helps us become better readers, writers and spellers
- We care about our writing and the people who will read it
- It is fun

Optional Material ideas:

- White boards
- Magnet Letters
- Wikki Stix
- Clay
- Letter stamps
- Colored Markers

Focus Lessons for Word Work

Day 1

- Introduce optional materials and their locations to students
- Brainstorm I chart(s) of how to set up materials and how to work with them independently (see sample I charts for materials set-up and use)
- Model housing location of the materials, material placement in the room and set-up of materials
- Brainstorm chart of how to clean-up (see sample I chart of How to Clean-up, below)
- Model clean-up of the materials, material placement in the room and set-up of materials

Day 2

- Model and practice material set-up, material placement and clean-up of materials
- Brainstorm I chart – “how to use materials”
- Model and practice student behaviors of how to use materials
- Continue working on Stamina of working with materials, adding 1-2 minutes each day

Each day add a few more minutes until students are independently working with these materials for up to 30 minutes for primary students and 45 minutes for intermediate students.



Sample “I” chart Material set-up

Students	Teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One person takes out materials of their choice and sets up in a quiet location • Stay in one spot until time to return materials • Work the whole time • Try your best • Work on Stamina • Work Quietly • Get Started Quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with students

Sample “I” chart How to Use Materials

Students	Teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work the whole time • Stay in one spot except to get and return materials • May return one set of materials and get another set to work with • Work quietly • Work on Stamina • Try your best • Act upon on your learning goal • Get started quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with students



Sample “I” chart Material Clean-Up

Students	Teacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone using materials helps put those materials away• Materials go back in the original tub• Return materials to the same spot• Leave the materials neat• Clean quietly• Get started on your new task quickly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with students

Other focus lessons for Word Work:

-Word sorts

-Adding words to their collection

-Words in their word study notebooks that relate to the strategy taught that day

- Words, or blends that have ck, nd, ng or nk. Word Work focus lessons occur each and

-Practicing basic words most often misspelled

-Teach how to do an open word sort and write words in word study notebook (whole group or guided group)

-Teach how to do a closed word sort and write words in word study notebook (whole or guided group)

-Teach how to list words that belong to a pattern and add to note book (Dailys)

-Teach how to set up notebook (whole or guided group)

