

Have a BALL this summer!

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What says SUMMER more than a beach ball? I love using beach balls in my classroom. They are cheap, and they make the kids happy! Today I'm going to share an idea for using beach balls in the classroom to master sight words.



Pick up a few inexpensive beach balls at Target or the Dollar Store. Write sight words all over the balls. Take kiddos outside or have them spread out around the room. The kids can throw or volley the ball to their peers. When the child catches the ball, they have to read the sight words that their fingers are touching.

This activity is great because you can easily **differentiate**. Here a few ways:

1. Break students into groups and write different words on each wall. One group of kiddos may be ready to start practicing next year's words, while another group needs some remediation.
2. Have students use the words in a sentence. Have students make up a QUESTION using the sight word.
3. Have students read the sight words and then give a rhyming word.
4. Have students read the word, then close their eyes and spell the word.

Kids are sure to have fun because they will be up, moving, and PLAYING with a beach ball!

THIS ACTIVITY RELATES TO SCHOOL AGE DRDP MEASURES: Exercise and Fitness: HLTH 4; Self-Esteem: SSD 2