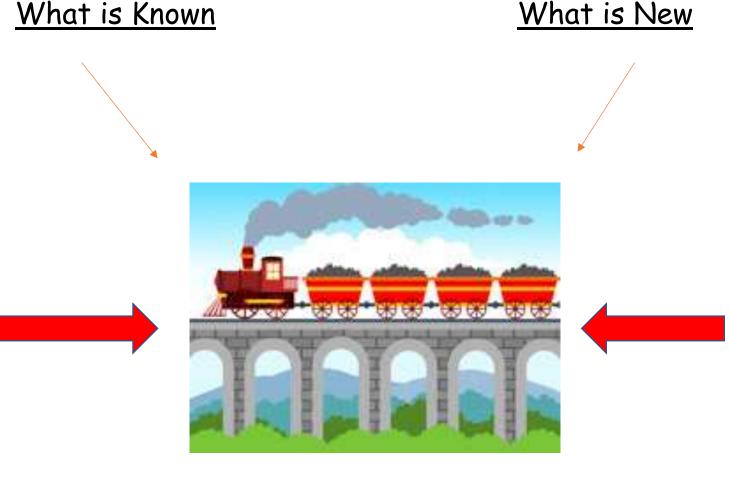
Letter & Word Walls A Bridge



Words

Word Knowledge

Group Words = Child views self as competent reader Child views self as a writer

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Environmental Print Materials:

Letter Wall Words:

Learning Center Materials/Activities:

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Keeping Kids at the Center

- $\sqrt{}$ Play-based curriculum is developmentally appropriate for all children
- \checkmark Meets children where they are
- $\sqrt{}$ Most successful in learning center arranged environment



#1. Observe Learn about them How do they learn best



Short- and long-term goals Clear, descriptive, observable and measurable



#5 Observe and Evaluate Take notes while playing Reflect - success or continue



#6. Mix well and Repeat Go back to Planning Step #3



#3. Plan

Set up environment for learning Let children explore



#4. Implement

Play with children Know when to exit

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Children access easily

Enough materials for children



Give adequate time

Provide model for use



Set up for self-regulation



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