

# HOME BULLETIN BOARDS

## *Communicating a Message*

Bulletin boards are an excellent means of communicating a message and greatly enhancing the décor of the Learning Area. Each board should be built around a single theme, and the title should be simple and short. Use bright colors and large figures, being careful to avoid a crowded appearance. Frequently change the entire board or part of the board—monthly is recommended.

Parents can encourage and help students develop bulletin board projects and materials on items such as the following:

- Holidays/Seasons of the year**
- Missionary emphasis (map; items from a foreign country)**
- Flags mounted**
- Patriotic figures**
- Monthly student office theme (September or October—character/wisdom; November—Thanksgiving; December—Christmas; January—service; February—patriotism; etc.)**
- Physical fitness (nutrition and health)**
- Safety**
- Community helpers**
- Library (books, resources, etc.)**
- Music**
- Special events (parent conferences, banquets, school awards, spiritual events)**
- Academic topics (PACEs, English—parts of speech, fun with math, etc.)**
- Field trips**
- State history**
- The Bible and science**
- Character traits**
- Praise board**
- Notable quotes**
- Bible literature**
- Prayer board (requests and answers)**

## **Example - World Geography**

Display a world map on a wall in the Learning Area. Each week give clues on the bulletin board about a particular country and ask children to identify the country on the map. This will broaden knowledge of geography and stimulate consciousness toward world service. Facial and cultural photographs could be posted as hints. You may want to present awards to your students who successfully identify the “mystery” country.

## **Helpful Hints:**

- Colored yarn is very effective for use as borders, framing, and visually tying together various items on bulletin boards.
- Heavy duty straight pins and push pins are good for displaying items. Pull some items out to the ends of the pins for three-dimensional effects.
- Cover an entire board with cloth (such as colored burlap). Dark blue, purple, and burgundy are good background colors. Plastic table covers are inexpensive and also come in a variety of colors.
- Purchased punch-out letters save time and are available in a variety of colors, styles and sizes.
- Use textured borders and lettering. Wall paper sample books, holiday wrapping paper, wide velvet ribbon, and bulletin board border trims have a good texture for letters.
- If you make your own letters, trace the letters on the back of the paper so that marks do not show when letters are displayed.
- Inexpensive and effective boards may be made using Cellotex or Armstrong building board sheets.
- Carefully store bulletin board materials so that they may be reused. You may want to store each board in a protective envelope. Include a sketch of the layout of the board on a sheet of paper in the envelope or sketch the layout on the front of the envelope. Include ideas of how the board may be used. Indicate on the outside of the envelope the dates the bulletin board is used.
- You may rotate most boards within three years.

## **Sources for Materials**

- Local school supply stores (borders, letters, and cut-outs)
- Art and craft supply stores (art print selections, scrapbooking, wood and foam art supplies)
- Discarded travel magazines (be selective of pictures)
- Military recruiting stations (patriotic posters)
- Department, variety, and grocery stores (don't be afraid to ask for displays)
- Travel agencies, airlines, foreign embassies
- Petroleum companies, service stations, factories
- Drug stores (camera department and displays)
- Missionaries (items such as spears, baskets, clothing, or pictures)
- Your students (give them a project and let them be responsible for gathering the materials)