How to make: Title the bulletin board "String Along," using brightly colored paper or yarn. On index cards, write the individual letters that make up the Basic Words from the unit the class is studying. Add other letters on enough additional cards to fill a large rectangle. Staple the cards to the bulletin board to form a word search puzzle, as shown. Form words vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Provide students with scissors, thumbtacks, and several different colors of yarn.

How to use: Have students search for the "hidden" words in the puzzle, tacking yarn across the letters of each word. Students might use a different-colored yarn for words they find that do not appear on their word list. You may wish to give different groups of students responsibility for making a new puzzle each week.

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