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magic reader wands

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In my kindergarten room the kids always ask to do the "Read & Write the Room" center!

My kids use "special" glasses (sunglasses with the lenses popped out) and "magic" wands to find special words. Lakeshore Learning Store has some neat sight word pointer sticks - they're kind of expensive though so I just made my own. I used paint stir sticks, glued a wooden star to the top & spray painted them gold. Then I wrote our sight words on the stars. When kids have to look for a specific sight word, I'll give them the sight word stick to use.

My kids also use clip boards to walk around with and write the target words (may be word family words, color words, shape words, sight words, theme-related words, calendar words, "b" words, etc.) Their goal is to write 3-5 words they can read to me. They can draw pictures to illustrate if they want (when applicable) but only after they've written the words & read them to an adult.