Tips and Tricks for Word Walls

- **Clearly visible** to all students
- **Be selective** when choosing words
- **Update frequently**
- **Use color** to highlight connections
- **Cluster** words meaningfully
- **Consider relationships** between words
- **Use size and location** to denote meaning
- **Involve students** to decide where new words are placed
- **Use pictures and definitions**
- **Model** how to use the word wall
- **Plan frequent, quick activities**

Word Wall Activities

- **Sort and categorize** words and phrases
- **Use conversational scaffolds** that structure the ways students study, think about, and use the words
- Students create **personal dictionaries**
- **Use word wall folders** for workstation activities