Congratulations on your purchase of the Really Good Stuff Word Family Pocket Chart-a useful classroom tool for helping students listen to, identify, sort, and sequence word family words.

## Inside this Really Good Stuff® set you'll find:

- 11" by $28 \frac{1}{2}$ " pocket chart
- 383 cards including:
- 1 Today's Word Family header card
- 30 Tab cards
- 30 word family cards
- 322 word family word cards
- This Really Good Stuff® Activity Guide

Suggestions for assembly, storage, and care:

- Hang the pocket chart on a chart rack or on a magnetic white board.
- Cut the cards apart. If desired, group the word family cards together with small rubber bands for easy access.
- Fold the pocket chart lengthwise for easy storage.
- Keep the pocket chart clean by wiping with a damp sponge.


## Word Family Pocket Chart Activities

## Introducing the Word Family Pocket Chart

Place the Today's Word Family header card in the top pocket of the pocket chart. Explain to students that you are going to use the house on this pocket chart to feature the different word family words they will be studying. Begin by choosing the desired word family header card and place it in the pocket on the roof of the house. Have students brainstorm words that would belong to this family. As students name words, place the word cards in the pockets on the house. Once all of the words have been placed on the house, have students rearrange them alphabetically and then read through the words together. Be sure to have students notice
the beginning letters and blends that create the word family words and then challenge them to think of any additional words that could be added. Label index cards or pieces of sentence strips with new words and place them in the pocket chart. Choose a different word family to feature in the pocket chart as desired.

## Word Family Dictionaries

Have students create their own Word Family Dictionary
 to record the word family words featured in the pocket chart. Each time you present a new vowel-based word family, make copies of the Word Family Dictionary Reproducible found in this guide. Have students fill in the featured word family and the words from the pocket chart. Have students make covers for their dictionaries by folding $12 "$ by $18 "$ pieces of construction paper in half and allowing students to label and color the covers. When students have completed pages for all of the word families, staple the covers and pages together into booklets. Have students keep the booklets in their desks for reference when reading and writing. As students run across additional word family words in their reading or classroom studies, have them record the words in their Word Family Dictionaries.

## Word Family Poems

Point out to students that word family words rhyme. This makes using word family words perfect for writing poetry. To demonstrate creating a simple poem, write the following sample on the board.

My Fat Cat
My fat cat loves to chew on my hat, And loves to purr all day long.
My fat cat loves to pat his pet rat, And falls asleep with a song.

Make a copy of the Word Family Poem Reproducible found on the last page for each student. Have students use the word family words featured on the pocket chart to write poems on their sheets, underline their word family words, and draw illustrations in the outside frames. When finished, have several students read their poems out loud and then display the poems on a bulletin board titled Word Family Rhymes.

## Expanding Your Word Family Lists

Once you have featured all of the word family words included with the pocket chart, you can create additional word families and words to display. Use the word lists found in this guide and label index cards or pieces of sentence strips to place in the pocket chart as desired.

## Activities for Using the Word Family Pocket Chart Across the Curriculum

## Math

Let the Word Family Pocket Chart help you display number fact families for your students. Create a 2" by 4" card featuring the 3 numbers of the desired fact family such as 2, 3, 5 and place it in the roof pocket on the pocket chart. Explain to students that you are looking for the equations that feature these three numbers. Have students brainstorm the equations as you label 8" pieces of sentence strip with $2+3=5,3+2=5$, $5-3=2$, and $5-2=3$. Place the strips in the pocket chart under the 2, 3, and 5 header card and have
students recite the equations together. If desired, allow students to label header cards with three numbers of their own and choose students to write the equations.

## Social Studies

Use the Word Family Pocket Chart to reinforce vocabulary for different countries. For example, you might write "Mexico" on a 2 " by 4 " header card and place it in the roof pocket. As students learn about Mexico, label $8 "$ sentence strip pieces with vocabulary words such as tortilla, siesta, serape or maracas. As students learn about the chosen countries, have them use the words on the pocket chart to help with reading and writing activities.

## Science

Students can use the Word Family Pocket Chart to display vocabulary for the habits and habitats of animals they study. Divide students into groups and have each group research the habits and habitat of a different animal. Give each group several 8 " pieces of sentence strip and have them write vocabulary words to describe their animal and where it lives. For example, if a group was given the bear, they might write the words cave, claws, hibernate, fish, den, or forest. Have one member of the group label a 2" by 4" card with the name of the animal and keep it turned over on the desk. Let your students have some fun trying to guess the animals by reading the vocabulary words for each group. Once each animal is guessed, have a student in the group place the animal name card in the roof pocket and describe each vocabulary word.

Fill in the word family headers and words.


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| blab | lad | plain | tale | same | prank | shark |
| cab | mad | rain | whale | shame | rank | spark |
| crab | pad | Spain |  | tame | sank | stark |
| dab | sad | sprain | -all |  | shrank |  |
| drab | tad | stain | all | -an | spank | -art |
| flab |  | train | ball | an | swank | art |
| gab | -ag | vain | call | ban | tank | cart |
| grab | bag |  | fall | bran | thank | chart |
| jab | brag | -air | gall | can |  | dart |
| lab | drag | air | hall | clan | -ap | kart |
| nab | flag | chair | mall | fan | cap | mart |
| scab | gag | fair | small | man | chap | part |
| slab | hag | flair | squall | pan | clap | smart |
| stab | lag | hair | stall | plan | flap | start |
| tab | nag | lair | tall | ran | gap | tart |
|  | rag | pair | wall | scan | lap |  |
| -ack | sag | stair |  | span | map | -ash |
| back | snag |  | -am | tan | nap | ash |
| black | stag | -ake | am | than | rap | bash |
| crack | tag | bake | clam | van | sap | cash |
| Jack | wag | brake | cram |  | slap | clash |
| knack |  | cake | dam | -and | snap | crash |
| lack | -ail | fake | gram | and | strap | dash |
| pack | ail | flake | ham | band | tap | flash |
| quack | fail | Jake | jam | bland | trap | gash |
| rack | hail | lake | Pam | brand |  | gnash |
| sack | jail | make | ram | gland | -ar | hash |
| snack | mail | rake | scam | grand | bar | lash |
| stack | nail | shake | scram | hand | car | mash |
| tack | pail | snake | slam | land | char | rash |
| track | rail | stake | swam | sand | far | sash |
| whack | sail | take | tram | stand | jar | slash |
|  | snail | wake | wham | strand | mar | smash |
| -ad | tail |  | yam |  | scar | splash |
| ad | wail | -ale |  | -ank | tar | trash |
| bad |  | ale | -ame | bank |  |  |
| brad | -ain | bale | blame | blank | -ark | -at |
| clad | brain | dale | came | clank | ark | at |
| dad | chain | gale | fame | crank | bark | bat |
| fad | drain | male | flame | drank | dark | brat |
| glad | gain | pale | frame | flank | hark | cat |
| grad | grain | sale | game | frank | lark | chat |
|  | main | scale | lame | Hank | mark | fat |


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| hat | bay | neck | deep | then | brew | wick |
| mat | bray | peck | jeep | when | chew |  |
| pat | clay | speck | keep |  | crew | -id |
| rat | day | wreck | peep | -ent | dew | bid |
| sat | gray |  | sheep | bent | drew | did |
| scat | hay | -ed | sleep | cent | few | grid |
| slat | lay | bed | steep | dent | flew | hid |
| spat | may | bled | weep | lent | grew | kid |
| splat | pay | bred |  | rent | knew | lid |
| that | play | fed | -eet | scent | mew | mid |
| vat | ray | fled | beet | sent | new | rid |
|  | say | Fred | feet | spent | pew | skid |
| -ate | spray | led | fleet | tent | screw | slid |
| ate | stay | red | greet | vent | slew | squid |
| crate | sway | shed | meet | went | spew |  |
| date | tray | shred | sheet |  | stew | -ide |
| fate | way | sled | sleet |  | threw | bride |
| grate |  | sped | street | chest |  | glide |
| hate | -eal <br> deal | Ted | sweet | crest | -ice | guide hide |
| late | heal |  | -ell | guest | ice | pride |
| plate | meal | -ee | bell | nest | lice | ride |
| rate | peal | bee | cell | pest | mice | side |
| skate | real | fee | dell | pest | nice | slide |
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| claw | -eat | spree | smell | zest | splice | big |
| draw | beat | tee | spell | zest | twice | brig |
| flaw | cheat | three | swell |  |  | dig |
| gnaw | eat | tree | tell | bet | -ick | fig |
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| jaw | heat | -eel | yell |  | lick | jig |
|  | meat | eel |  |  | nick | pig |
| paw | neat | feel | -en | 1 | pick | rig |
| raw | seat | heel | Ben |  | quick | sprig |
| saw | treat | peel | den | net | Rick | swig |
| slaw | wheat | reel | glen | pet | sick | twig |
| straw |  | steel | hen | set | slick | wig |
| thaw | -eck | wheel | Ken | wet | stick |  |
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| fight | spill | cling | trip | knob | bloke | boo |
| flight | still | ding | whip | lob | broke | 900 |
| fright | will | fling |  | mob | choke | moo |
| knight |  | king | -ish | rob | joke | shoo |
| light | -in | ping | dish | slob | poke | too |
| might | bin | ring | fish | snob | smoke | zoo |
| night | chin | sing | squish | sob | spoke |  |
| right | fin | sling | swish | throb | stroke | -ood |
| sight | grin | spring | wish |  | woke | good |
| slight | in | sting |  | -ock |  | hood |
| tight | kin | string |  | block | -old | stood |
|  | pin | swing | -it | clock | bold | wood |
| -ike | shin | thing | bit | cock | cold |  |
| bike | skin | wing | fit | dock | fold | -00k |
| hike | spin | wring | flit | flock | gold | book |
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| Mike | tin |  | hit | lock | mold | cook |
| pike | twin | -ink | kit | mock | old | crook |
| spike | win | blink | knit | rock | scold | hook |
| strike | -ine | brink |  | sock | sold | look |
| -ile | dine | drink | pit | stock | told | shook |
| file | fine |  | slit |  | -ole | took |
| mile | line | mink |  | -09 | dole |  |
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| smile | pine | rink shrink | wit | cog | pole | drool |
| tile | spine | Shrink |  | dog | role | fool |
| vile | swine |  |  | fog | sole | pool |
| while | tine | Stink | boat | frog | sole | school |
| while | twine | think | coat | hog | stole | spool |
| -ill | vine | wink | float | jog | whole | stool |
| bill |  |  | gloat | log |  | tool |
| chill | -ind | -ip | goat | smog | -one |  |
| chill | bind | blip | moat |  | bone | -oom |
| dill | blind | chip | oat | -oil | hone | bloom |
| drill | find | grip | throat | boil | lone | boom |
| fill | grind | hip |  | broil | phone | broom |
| frill | kind | lip | -ob | coil | shore | doom |
| grill | mind | nip | blob | foil | stone | gloom |
| hill | rind | ship | bob | oil | throne | groom |
| kill | wind | sip | cob | soil | tone | loom |
| mill |  | slip | glob | spoil | zone | room |


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| goon | pore | not | bought | box | jug | rut |
| moon | sore | pot | brought | fox | lug | shut |
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| soon | tore | rot | ought | ox | rug |  |
| spoon | wore | shot | sought | pox | shrug | -unk |
|  |  | slot | thought | sox | slug | bunk |
| -op | -orn | spot | wrought |  | smug | drunk |
| bop | born | tot |  | -ub | snug | dunk |
| chop | corn | trot | -ow | club | thug | hunk |
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| cop | morn | -ote | cow | flub |  | plunk |
| crop | scorn | dote | chow | grub | -ump | punk |
| drop | sworn | note | how | hub | bump | shrunk |
| flop | thorn | quote | now | nub | clump | skunk |
| hop | torn | rote | plow | rub | dump | spunk |
| lop | worn | tote | sow | scrub | grump | stunk |
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| slop | snort | pout | blow |  | stump | cry |
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