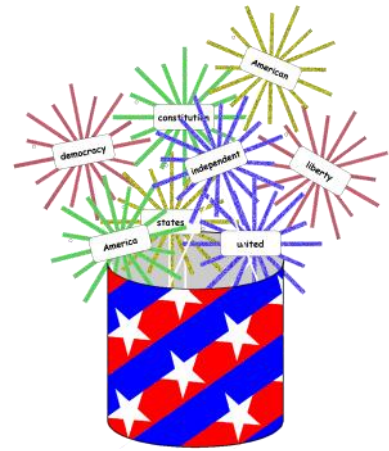


# Firework Wall Cards



## Tips and Suggestions

Older children can cut 1/4 inch strips of construction paper, but it isn't easy. I suggest cutting the strips ahead of time on the paper cutter, or run 8X8 inch construction paper through a sheet shredder. (DON'T use a cross cut shredder—it won't work!) If your school has a policy of not putting glitter through the laminator, you can use clear contact paper instead. You can hang them on a piece of black butcher paper on the wall, or staple them onto straws to make sparklers which you can stick in a can decorated with patriotic images. (That's what page 3 is for: just cut the page to fit the can you are using and glue it on.)

## Using Wall Cards

Use monthly wall cards to practice repetitive skills such as math facts and formulas, sight words, vocabulary, science and social studies facts, etc. Hang them on the wall or lay them out on the floor like a life-sized game board. To use this art project as flashcards for the wall, just write the word, fact, or formula that you want the children to rehearse in the center and then laminate, cut out, and punch a hole in the top so it can hang on a pin. Here are some game ideas:

- One child at a time chooses a wall card and responds to it. If it is correct, he keeps the card; if not he puts it back.
- Lay the cards on the floor so they overlap a lot. Tell the students, "Find \_\_\_\_." The first one who finds it, keeps it.
- A group plays as a team. "It" reads the card and the team decides on the correct answer (or you tell the answer and they pick the correct card).
- One student can act out a card. The class tries to determine which card he is acting out.
- Play "20 Questions" with the cards.
- You can take the cards off the wall and use them to play old flashcard games like "Around the World".
- Have the children choose a card and tell an antonym or synonym to the word.
- A child chooses a card and tells the inverse.
- Lay the cards on a set of chairs for a game of musical flashcards.
- Lay the cards on the floor and toss a penny or a chain. Answer the one it lands on.
- Use the cards for a game of classroom baseball, football, or basketball.

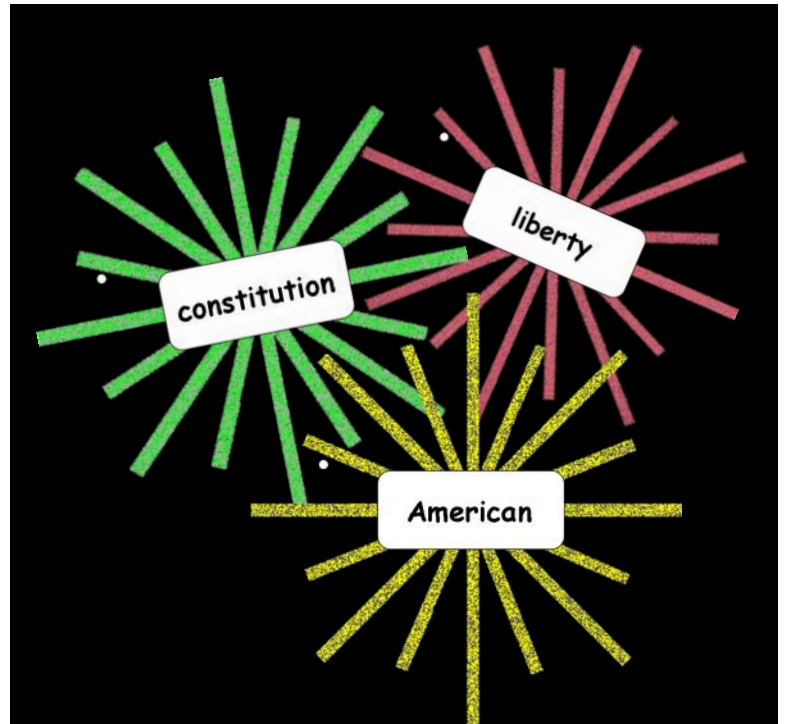
You can also go to [www.thematicteacher.com](http://www.thematicteacher.com) and click on [Tips 'N Tricks](#) to get more ideas of games to play using flashcards. Click on [Flashcards](#) under [Category Archives](#) to see all the titles.

Whatever you do with a flashcard you can do with wall cards. The children will be able to think up fun new games to play with them. You can use the cards whenever you need a quick 3-5 minute activity or as the children line up for something. It may also be used as a free time task for those who finish early. It's a fun way to practice tedious drills.

# Fireworks Wall Cards

## Materials:

- 1/4 inch strips of construction paper, 8 inches long
- scissors
- paste
- glitter—gold and silver
- 2X3 inch labels



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## Directions:

1. Cut 8X8 inch construction paper into 1/4 inch strips. (You can run them through a shredder if you have a strip shredder).
2. Cut the strips into different lengths and paste them all together in the middle to form an exploding firework.
3. Cover each strip with paste from end to end.
4. Sprinkle silver or gold glitter over the paste. **Let it dry.**
5. Attach a label in the center of the firework. Put another label in the same place on the back, and stick the labels to each other.
6. Write the information or question in neat, big letters on the front label. Write the answer on the back (if there is an answer).
7. Turn it in so I can laminate it.
8. Clean up your mess.

Can Cover: Print, cut to fit can, laminate, and glue on the can.

