Data Wall Setup Checklist & Log

Build a cheerful, privacy-friendly reading progress board for your classroom.

This complete guide walks you through assembling the board from the structural row grid down to the individual tracking cards. Enjoy a beautiful system that protects student confidence!



Board & Card Materials

Exactly 6 in
Spacing (rows = sight-word sets)

2 in
Magnetic tape strip per card

5 distinct colors
Dot stickers for tracking progress

1 unique number
Assigned to each roster child

Names on the back

Write the child's first name on the reverse with a heavy-duty permanent marker. Let it dry completely to prevent smudging when you flip cards to check identities!

Card Assignment & Mounting Sequence

1. **Assign Anonymous Numbers** Give each student a permanent, randomized number printed in a heavy, high-contrast font.
2. **Laminate and Mount** Laminate the fronts, then apply thin magnetic adhesive so cards ride magnet tape effortlessly.
3. **Mark the Benchmark** Apply a bright horizontal stripe so your washi line = goal for the students.
4. **Track with Date Dots** Add a colored sticker with the exact date for a date dot every climb.

Before You Begin

- ○ Test your classroom whiteboard with a heavy-duty magnet before starting.
- ○ Count your total students to prepare the exact number of cards.
- ○ Plan where your benchmark washi tape will go to create targets.

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- ☐ Divide your whiteboard into horizontal sight-word set rows.
- ☐ Verify whiteboard meets physical requirements for magnetic tracking.
- ☐ Write hidden names on the reverse for absolute privacy.
- ☐ Protect student confidence during open houses or parent-teacher conferences.
- ☐ Record each card's climbs throughout the entire semester.

Style Your Classroom Data Wall

Find your row: **Your classroom aesthetic**

Your classroom aesthetic	Your pick	Why
Pastel boho classroom	Muted pastel cards	Blends into a quiet classroom environment
Neon brights theme	Fluorescent neon cards	Pops against a solid black background
Nature inspired room	Sage green and kraft	Brings the outdoors inside beautifully
Traditional primary colors	Red, blue, and yellow	Looks crisp on pristine white boards

Student Card-Move Log Grid

Enjoy watching your students celebrate their reading journey, one colorful dot at a time!