This post is about one of my absolute favorite reading + writing activities. I know it's been done before in a ton of different ways and has been given various titles, but I just call it 'Mixed Up Sentences.' Here's the low down:

1. Gather different colored paper and cut into strips. I keep a handy supply of strips in 10 assorted colors. I'll tell you why *10* later.

2. Get out your curriculum materials, a black Sharpie, and scissors.

3. Decide how you want to use this activity. Center? Assessment? Pre-assessment? Fun practice? Decide which recording sheet to use. (See below)

Find sentences in your curriculum (or think some up) that match the purpose or skill your trying to target.

4. How many sentences did you decide to do? Gather that many different colored strips.

My favorite one is this one... with 10 lines.

Mixed Up Sentences

Name: ____________________________  Date: __________________

1. Color the circle.  
2. Put the sentence together.  
3. Write the sentence on the line.

Circle: ____________________________  Blank: __________________

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Spelling Task

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Cards

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Write

Rainbow

Choose markers or crayons to write your words. Make sure to use several different colors to make it colorful!

Put your words into ABC order.

ABC Order

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ABC
Stencils

Use stencils to make all of your spelling words!

Write all of your spelling words on your white board!

White Boards
Write your words in a list. Highlight the vowels in one color. Highlight the consonants in another color. Count and total. How many vowels are there? How many consonants are there?

Look at your words. Find a way to sort them into groups. Make sure each word belongs to a group!
First, write your words in a list. Then, write each word backwards.

Partner up with a classmate. Read the words out loud to the other student. They will write the words as you call them out. Now it's your turn to take the test!
Use stamps to make all of your spelling words

Use magnets to make all of your spelling words

Stamp it!

Magnet it!
Write a sentence for each of your spelling words. Make sure that you include capitals, punctuation, and the spelling word. Also, make sure that your sentences make sense!

Look at your list of words. Draw a picture for each word. Color your pictures when finished!
Write all of your spelling words using colored pencils!

Write all of your spelling words 3 times each!

Write all of your spelling words 3 times.

Times

Three

Color Pencils
Write your words using funky letters. You can use bubble letters, squiggly letters, swirly letters, or more! Have fun and make them as cool as possible!

Write a letter to your friend using as many spelling words as you can!
Type all of your spelling words on the computer.

Write all of your spelling words 3 times each!
Search and Find

Write a list of your spelling words. Grab a book from the library. Search for your spelling words in the book. Anytime you find a word, put a tally mark next to the word that you found!

Write a Story

Use as many spelling words as you can in your story!