

1. Climbing the Ladder to Success

Target levels with acceptable performance or total correct exercises measure student success. Students are given a pattern for a boy or girl. Students climb the ladder to success.

2. I'm a Blooming Success

Student success is measured by progress towards a target level with acceptable performance. Each week a Cumulative Performance Report (SME) or Level, Session, Performance (V4.x or V5.x) is run to track student progress. Students receive parts to build a flower for progress made towards target level.

3. Frequent Flyers to Success

Display a map of the United States on the bulletin board. Students color and write their names on airplanes. Students are selected on a weekly basis to act as travel agents and flight attendants. Once a week, students receive an update of the frequent flyer miles they have earned according to the number of total correct responses in math and reading. Frequent flyers meet with ticket agents to calculate the number of frequent flyer miles earned for the week. Students move their airplane across the United States to the designated city. In this case, all flights land in Hollywood, Home to the Stars. Once students earn 500 frequent flyer miles, they become First Class Travelers, earning the privilege of having a cushioned chair for the week and juice served by the flight attendant upon arrival to school. Once the students arrive in Hollywood, a plaster cast of their hand is made and the student earns his or her wings.

4. Success Tree

Student success is measured by percent correct. Teachers display students names who have scored 70% or above on daily sessions. Students write their names on apples, which are then hung on the Success Tree.

5. Treasure Chest of Great Gains

Student progress is measured by total correct exercises. As the students reach certain plateaus, bronze, silver or gold coins are given to the students according to the goal reached. The coins are placed in the treasure chest. At the end of the year students are allowed to take their coins home.

6. Reach for the Stars

Student success is measured by gains with acceptable performance. Stars represent one-month gain. For each month students grow, they earn a treat from the treat jar. Three months growth earns students a trip to the treasure box. Five months growth earns the students lunch with the teacher and a special treat.

7. Growing by Leaps and Bounds

Gain with acceptable performance or total correct exercises measure student success. Bulletin board displays a pond with lily pads, which represent one-month gain or a specified number of correct exercises. Students put their name on the frog of their choice.

Motivational Bulletin Board Ideas

8. Going Bananas

Student success is measured by the percentage correct. A jungle theme using a banana tree is displayed on a bulletin board. At the end of the day students scoring 70% or above are given a banana cutout with his/her session score and places it on the tree. On Friday five students who have achieved the highest scores receive a prize.

9. Our Goal is Better Gains

Student progress is measured by gain with acceptable performance. A model of a football field is displayed on the bulletin board. Each goal line is a gain. Students start on the fifty-yard line and move their football towards the goal post as their gain increases. Two fields can be used, one for math and another for reading.

10. All About Me

Students with special achievements are recognized by having their picture displayed on the bulletin board or on the computer screen. Examples of recognition pictures can be the student with the most total correct exercises in math and/or reading, the most improved student, the most gain with acceptable performance for the month, or students who top out of courses with acceptable performance.

11. Step Toward Good Gains

Patterns of feet with total correct exercises are placed on the bulletin board. Students place their names on the feet. Students progress along the trail to the class goal.

12. Build a Sundae to Success

Students are given a sundae dish and patterns for sundae toppings. Each topping represents a gain or set number of correct exercises. When the student reaches the goal, they place a topping on their sundae. At the end of the month or semester, students who have reached their goal enjoy an ice-cream social.

13. Something to Crow About

Students are recognized for topping out of courses. The bulletin board features a scarecrow and birds. Names are placed on the birds to recognize completion of courses.

14. We're Soaring to Success

Bulletin board displays a hot air balloon. As the students reach their goal (gain with acceptable performance, total correct, or time on the computer) they add a balloon to the board. At the end of the year, students who reach their goal enjoy a fun-filled afternoon playing with the balloons they earned for good work.

15. The Main Attraction

Students earn theatre tickets for gain with acceptable performance. Each month a movie is shown to students who reach the monthly gain with acceptable performance. The bulletin board can be decorated with movie posters obtained from the video store. Serve the students popcorn and soda.

16. Ballooning Our Way to Success

Use two bunches of balloons, one for math and one for reading. Students fill in the balloons with their names and goals until the bunch is completed. When all students reach the school goal, a school-wide celebration takes place.



Motivational Bulletin Board Ideas

17. Gaining a Wealth of Knowledge with SuccessMaker

Display a large piggy bank on the bulletin board. Small moneybags with student names and goals are placed around it. Students reaching their goal are eligible for a raffle at the end of the year.

18. Cashing in on Success with SuccessMaker

A picture of a cash register is placed on the bulletin board. Money with students' names is placed around it. When a student reaches the goal for the year, he or she receives a school credit card to use in the school store.

19. Putting It Together for Success

Each student is given a puzzle to color and decorate at the beginning of the year. The student then cuts the puzzle into various pieces and places it in an envelope. When a goal is attained, the student places a piece of the puzzle next to his or her name on the board. Once all students complete their puzzles, the class celebrates with a game day.

20. Stocking Our Pond for Success

The background for the board is a large pond or a small child's outdoor pool can be placed in the room. Students earn fish of different colors and sizes for goals attained. Number of correct exercises with a specified percentage correct might be the focus. Fish might also be cut from white paper for students to color. Students go fishing for prizes.

21. Reach for Your Pot of Gold

A rainbow and pot of gold are placed on the board. Students are given gold coins as they achieve their goal. Once they reach across the rainbow, their name goes in a pot making them eligible for a reward.

22. BEE All You can BEE

Patterns of bees are placed on the board. Students receive a bee each time they get a score of 70% or above (with a specified number attempted or correct). When a designated number of bees are in the hive, students receive a special reward from the teacher.