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**WOW!**

Wonderful-Outstanding-Words!

**Background:**

- I LOVE to get my students excited. Words like WOW! Are exciting words to them. Soooo... we have a **WOW** a day.
- These are usually science vocabulary that I want them to learn.
- My first one is extinct. That's a pretty big word for a 4-year-old. Noooooo problem.
- I'll just say through out the day "**Hey! What's our WOW today?**" And who ever can tell me the **WOW** and what it means can earn a Smartie Coin.
- What's a Smartie Coin? Those are wonderful little multi-colored plastic coins that you can order from novelty companies (my favorite is Oriental Express) or pick up at the Dollar Store, or get ½ off after ST. Patty's Day in green and gold.
- Children LOVE them. I encourage them to COLLECT the Smartie Coins.
- When they've collected 10 (We're learning to count to 10 and beyond!) They can cash them in (Then I get them back to recycle each year) and they earn a sticker (I'm a super-saver!) and a trip to the Treasure Chest.
- I send a note home so that parents have a head's up about the coins and can help the children keep them in a safe place.
- I give my students a treasure box at the beginning of the year and I tell them that that's a great place to keep their Smartie Coins.
- I've got a free WOW poster for you to copy. Simply make up your own WOW's!
- My vocabulary lists are also free. Enjoy! ☺