

★ Inquiry Activity Stations in the Primary Library ✎

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1. What is inquiry and why is it important?
 - ★ Model based on real life
 - ★ Necessary in an information-rich world
2. Asking questions
 - ★ How to ask a question
 - ★ Traffic light questions
3. Activity Stations
 - ★ Allow students to make choices and assess their own interests
 - ★ Free librarian to assist students one-on-one
 - ★ Less set-up and clean-up with multiple classes
 - ★ Students self-differentiate based on ability, practicing innovation and creativity
4. What does a typical class look like?
 - ★ Welcome procedures
 - ★ Plan: Mini-lesson
 - ★ Do: Activity stations
 - ★ Review: Discuss or journal
5. What makes a good activity station?
 - ★ Usable by readers and emergent readers
 - ★ Intuitive
 - ★ Multiple uses, all educational
 - ★ Hands-on
 - ★ Learning, not reviewing
 - ★ Visual appeal
 - ★ Real world connection
6. How do I make it easier for the librarian?
 - ★ Create materials that have multiple uses
 - ★ Adapt existing ideas and materials
 - ★ Color coding
 - ★ Stations can be set up by students
7. Planning a unit
 - ★ Curricular and skills objectives
 - ★ AASL and NYS standards
 - ★ Learning styles
 - ★ Collaboration
 - ★ Don't forget copyright!
Always have students cite their sources!
8. Step by Step – Like planning a party!
 - ★ Plan unit themes at least a month ahead
 - ★ Gather resources and materials, let ideas percolate
 - ★ Two weeks ahead – create materials, esp. laminating
 - ★ Map out how the library will look
 - ★ Day ahead – set everything out
9. Resources
 - ★ Mailbox magazine
 - ★ Preschool websites
 - ★ wildlibrary.blogspot.com
 - ★ Toy stores
10. Adapting worksheets
 - ★ Turn into a game

- ★ Cut into puzzle
 - ★ Put in page protector/use dry-erase crayon
11. Useful materials to keep on hand
 - ★ Plastic page protectors
 - ★ Dry erase crayons or markers
 - ★ Magnet tape and Velcro
 - ★ Buttons, old magazines, greeting cards, junk mail envelopes, anything else you can save
 - ★ Draw and write paper
 - ★ Disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizer
 12. Plan Your Own Unit!
 - ★ 4-6 activity stations
 - ★ 2-3 mini-lessons
 13. Review and evaluate