

Bitmoji Classroom Ideas

Remember to include avatars for all the educators who work in that room. Help your aides. However, avatars are NEVER saved as part of the background.

Recommended Locked furniture:

- Have a plant/tree,
- desk,
- a full chair/coach/seat (in which your Bitmoji avatar could sometimes be on, behind, or sitting),
- a bookcase,
- and shelf.

Keep some floor space (maybe a rug, esp one that imitates your room rug) and some wall space.

Clipart speech bubbles can be used to embed Voice Messages

Have a white board to post text on each day, esp any unique directions.

Put an alphabet strip /number line across the top of your board.

I have seen lots of examples where teachers subdivide the whiteboard into standard zones, effectively turning it into ~5 work spaces: messages, directions, reminders, announcements...

Have a computer on the desk. Black helps embedded videos blend better. It can always just stay black if you don't have any video resources to use that week.

Have speakers with a clear audio icon that embeds directions.

Have a pair of speakers if you need to embed ELL directions in another language.

Have a black Wall TV if you want a daily video message, and use the the desk computer for actual webpage links.

*Since most of our connections are via ClassLink, get a classlink logo ready to go for days you send them to a resource there.

Lava or Bubble Lamp, or yoga mat:

Post to brain break activity

Bookcase:

- If you link to a random illegal YT read aloud your librarian will come for you. Make your own, and make it private and PLEASE use safeyoutube.net
- Get Epic logo ready to use
- Your choice if you choose to use classlink logo as a catch-all, or a more specific RAZ, Myon, Tumblebooks, Encyclopedia, PK LifeScience, PebbleGo, etc...
- I recommend the bookcase remain for text based resources. Things like Brainpop belong on the computer, or even a little toy robot icon.

Morning Meeting Elements (or a separate classroom):

Calendar

Can be linked to Google Calendar for older students.

Get a Birthday Icon ready

Weather

- Window with a view out your REAL window, make sure part of the sky is visible. Post a daily or weekly picture of the view.
- Have a Jamboard (drag-board) ready of basic weather elements, and drag the icons over to fill the window on a daily basis.
- Link to a live cam [like this one](#).

Post a "how are you feeling today?" poster with emojis of emotions and link it to a Google Form.

Post a generic poster of a "Checklist" icon that attaches to a Google Doc with a real checklist or agenda you want them to follow. Make sure it spawns to a unique copy for each student.



*Time: I spent an hour trying to find a way to embed a true, real time clock into Google. Add ons, gifs... teach me?

*Include your personality... whether it's an extra poster, a shelf item, or an object on the floor put in something that is so obviously "you" representing a hobby or a passion. Maybe add a tiny picture of your family on your desk, same as you would have at school.

- Add THEIR personality! Make sure your avatar is sometimes holding things you've learned they like.
- Change the position of your Avatar OFTEN.

*Have a motif. Color code your room and/or use similar design elements. Don't have a photographic couch and a realistically illustrated desk with a cartoonish bookcase. I've seen where teachers try to actually recreate their classrooms right down to taking photos of the actual furniture. If you try this, be sure to include your door! ALTERNATELY you can just get one really good photo and use your real (staged) classroom as your background! *layers



For Littles Decision: Are you going to put labels on every part of the Bitmoji Classroom that have text that says "Read Alouds" "Math Games" "Video of the Week" etc? *IF YOU DO* I suggest you add a speaker icon and make sure you have reading support on every single one.



SOMETIMES IDEAS...

Get these objects chosen and saved to a google Doc for use later because if you're like me it takes me a half hour to decide which chair I want...

- A basket
- An easel
- A 2nd wall TV
- A Remove.BG image of your pet or a classroom pet
 - A Team pet linking several teachers--it shows up in every classroom of the team!
- Several different swags to use across the top of the classroom(or whiteboard, or edge of desk) that might match the month
- Various objects to go on The Shelf that correspond to the holidays... linkable to webpages about those holidays, which should be inclusive such as Rosh Hashanah
- A bulletin board, esp useful if you want to post several anchor charts
- Treat jar: some kind of candy jar that takes kids to a non-academic resource

NONSTANDARD IDEAS...

Fancy Picture Frame

Link to student art the student of the week submits

Link to an "art of the day" website.

Globe

Link to google maps or favorite atlas

Link to google museums

Link to google field trips

Link to google Earth satellite view

Newspaper (rolled?)

Link to current events website

*remember there is one available on both the Encyclopedia and Myon

Math manipulative basket/collection

Link to SplashMath or free math website or SAVVAS Realize

Simple picture frame:

Post a rotating motivational poster saying. Search "instagram quotes".

Also amusing to occasionally post a selfie or a pet pic.

Create a shelf of individual book bins labeled with each child's name. This will allow differentiated assignments, whether it directs them to a skill-based game, a book video, a doc, or even a content video... If you're not going to do this regularly, put a sticker on them when you've changed the content, like a "you've got mail" flag.

Have one of the books on the bookcase be a journal or composition book. This is a class-wide shared google Doc for kids to write you messages and you to write back. IF you choose to have this be private, set the Doc to make a unique copy, jazz it up with a template... then create a master doc for yourself with all these links in one place so that you can remember to check the journals once a week.

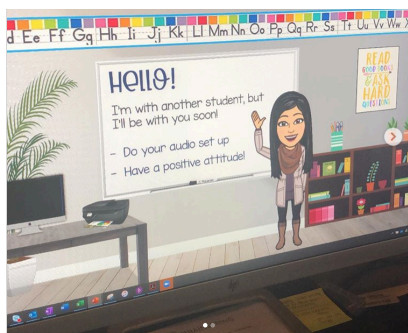
A radio linked to a pandora station so they could play background music while they work.

Hidden Object: Like Goldbug or Waldo, have some sort of thing hidden in different places around the classroom that links to Extra Credit work or a Treat Jump.

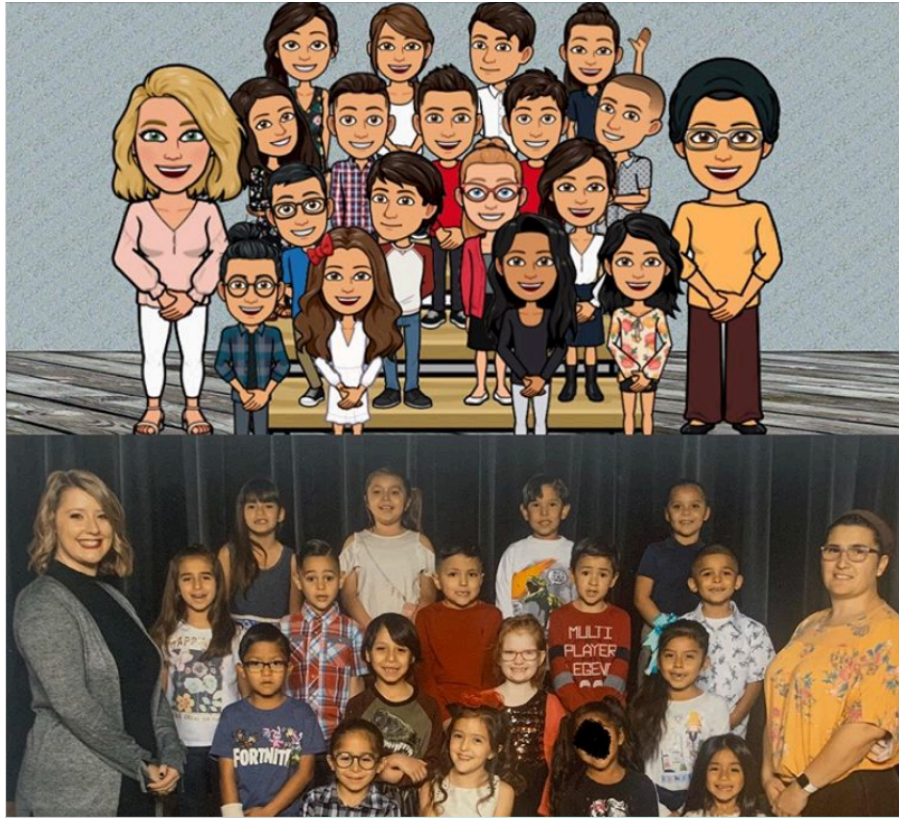
If you're going to have multiple subrooms across a week or unit, give them a tour with a narrated overview of the week, introducing them all up front and how they work. Make sure younger students know how to manage multiple tabs, exiting full screen, and such.

Link a terrarium or aquarium to a zoo live cam.

Create a jpg of your Bitmoji Classroom you can use in a zoom meeting if you are going to go into breakout rooms... you can leave it on the screen.



Create a bitmoji class picture after school picture day.



Put something like this in there once in awhile...



Right now, there are no Bitmoji with masks, so you would need a small object and just "bring to front" over yourself.

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