

Learning Environment Classroom 1st Grade



This classroom is set up for a first-grade class. I want my classroom to be brightly colored and energizing. I have it laid out so that there are tables for group interaction and activities as well as independent work. There is a rug for story-time and there is a reading corner for activity time- where we rotate activities (round robin). During round robin, I can commit to working with small groups of students at a time, to answer individual questions that they may have. There are also two blue reading benches that underneath have cubbies for books/student bags to be held.

I have intentionally laid out the classroom symmetrical. Everything is laid out symmetrical, so that students get an idea about balance and room design. There are two bookshelves, one on the left and one on the right in the back of the room (near the windows). There are two sets of tables for independent as well as group work. Two sets of tables have a board on the side so that table teams can write their group answers to discussions when we play group response games. The other two tables are positioned near the bookshelves so that they can access needed school supplies quickly and quietly.

When you first walk in, there is a bunch of space as well as the teacher's desk. This space will be used for in class trivia games, like indoor trivia baseball, duck, duck go, heads up seven up, as well as 4 squares. The space also serves as a purposeful area to have children line-up before leaving for lunch and bathroom breaks as well as dismissal.

Also, you will see front and center along the wall, the projector screen. This will be used daily for all classroom agenda. I will have a PowerPoint each day that has the agenda, seatwork pages, the calendar and morning discussion information, the weather, online video curriculum, and online games. This will be used as a classroom to engage the children in actively participating in the classroom activities. I can play the PowerPoints as well as resources that I have found helpful for the children in their learning,

Underneath the projector are hangers for students to place their backpacks and lunches. These will be labeled with student's names and will not change position throughout the year. The kids will feel secure

in being able to see their backpack as well as have it filed in the same location each day! It will bring them comfort having the same routine and structure.

I will also have daily craft activities on hand so that students can learn by completing an arts and crafts on animals, the human body, nature, health and science, community helpers, social studies, mathematics, history, geography, language arts and beyond. The goal is to get them hands-on and get them as much practice with scissors, coloring, designing, and exploring.

Before school begins, I will have a calendar of lesson plans laid out so that I know when we will hit which themes of curriculum. I will also have requested AHEAD OF TIME, the resources that we will be needing for class, i.e., making a collage, I will request magazine articles for cut out, scissors, construction paper and glue.

My hope is to provide a safe environment for learning that the children can learn to love and enjoy and appreciate! I want the children in my classroom to feel refreshed as they come to school each day. My hope is for them to grow into a full mature love for learning! They can reach their potential in academics as we strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment for them to learn.