LIBRARY CENTERS

New and Improved!

Management, Timing, and Particulars





I have 7 tables and 7 centers.

Each table has a different colored star.

Each week, one color is assigned one certain center. I just start over when I finish the rotation.

Library Class Schedule

Students come in and check in books.

We have about a 25 minute lesson.

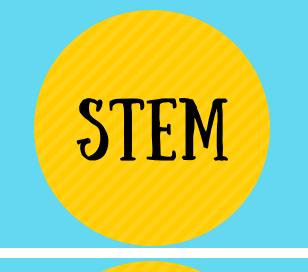
I tell what table will go to each center and dismiss each table by color. They check out books first and then go to the assigned center.

If the students don't have a book, they go directly to centers.

We clean up with about 4 minutes remaining.



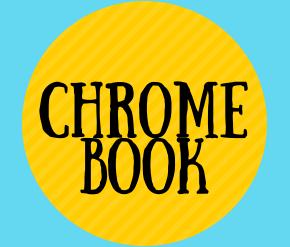








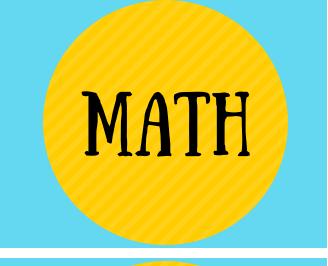




Current Centers



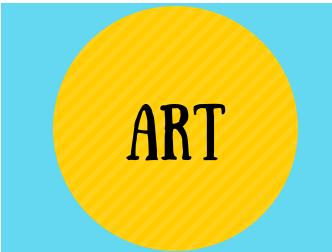




LIBRARY SKILLS







Other Ideas

Art or Reading

I combined these....for my own sanity.

Reading

I use this center as assessment when I need it and kids read during center time. I also have puppets and whisper phones.



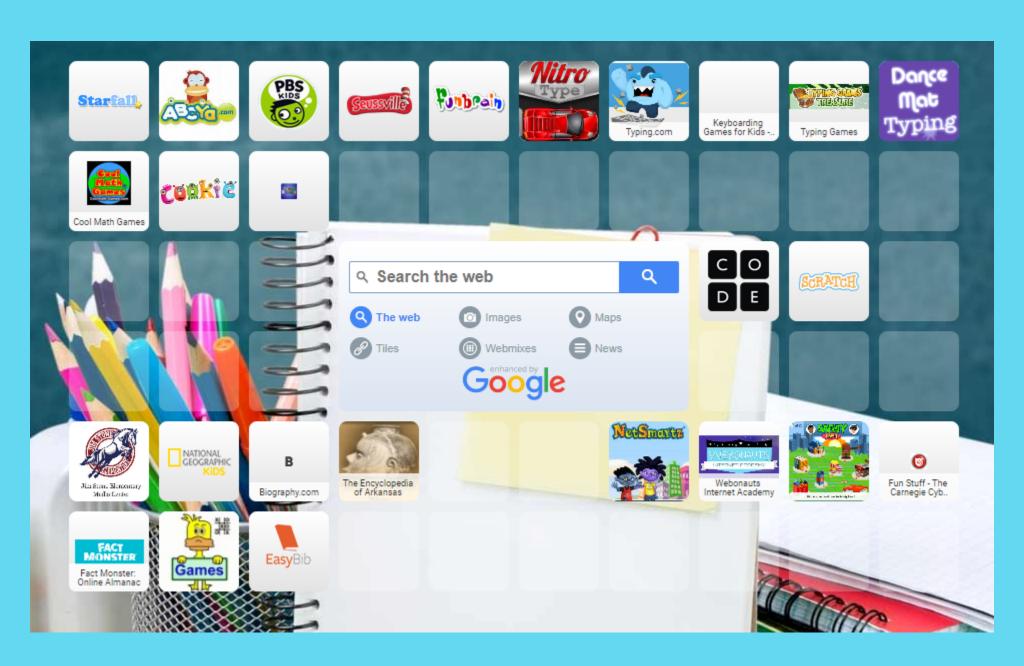
I have a mosaic peg game, beads, dry erase boards and markers, coloring books, how to draw books, origami, art supplies and scratch paper, a View Master, and Fashion/Action Plates.

Chromebook

I use Chromebooks for this center.
ABCya, Keyboarding Without Tears, Starfall

I use the program Symbaloo for the websites kids can get on and they can only get on those websites!

I leave the chromebooks logged in all the time and students click on the "blue box with the S" to get to Symbaloo.





Twist-and-Lock Nuts and Bolts

\$50.00

Item #: 667560

ADD TO CART

Add to Wish List





Pattern Blocks and Pattern Block Puzzles. Magnets Stuff I Got using Scholastic Dollars



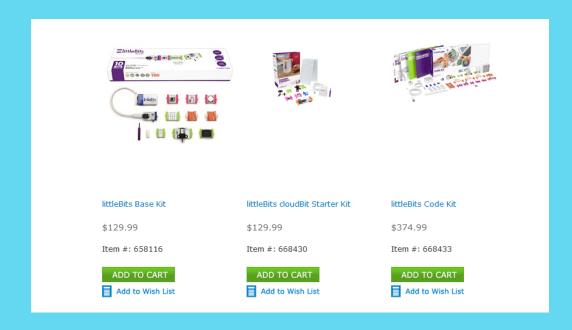
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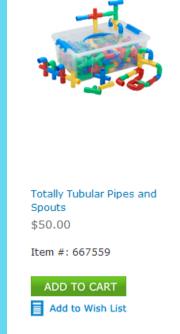
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Listening

I use this as a listening center. I have a box where I can plug multiple headphones and kids pick from Storytime Online.



Califone 1218AVPY 8-Position Jackbox with Volume by Califone

\$17³⁷ \$27.32 √prime Get it by Thursday, Apr 19

More Buying Choices \$17.36 (6 used & new offers)



iPad

I have 4 ipad minis with games already loaded.

Make sure you turn off your iTunes account and set your restrictions! When you turn off iTunes, the students are unable to use the music app.

Building

I have, dominos, Jenga, Legos, Lincoln Logs, K-Nex, Tinker Toys



I got a BUNCH of stuff by begging and
Amazon Deal of the Day
around Christmas

OSMO

This is brand new, so the jury is still out. However, so far so good. I do Newton (only requires a base and a reflector) Download the Newton app on the ipad and provide a dry erase board and dry erase markers... and off they go!

How on Earth did you pay for that?!?!

- *Donations of games and puzzles...
- I ain't too proud to beg!
- *Scholastic Book Fairs (I saved book fair
- money for a couple of years.)
- *Don't do it all in one year...add slowly
- *Yard Sales
- *Amazon.com (Especially around
- Christmas. Watch for Deal of the Day)
- *I dig through the "giveaway piles" all
- the time.

Aren't They Wild?

We practice whispering....like all the time.....

When they get too loud, we count down from five and stop. They get a warning. I give three warnings and then we pick up and sit and read silently. (This makes believers out of them.)

Did I mention we practice whispering....like all the time?

What about the kids who forget to return their books?

The kids that forget to bring books back go directly to center. I worried at first that kids wouldn't bring their books back so they could go straight to center....so far, I haven't had that problem.

Honestly, I would rather have them engaged and busy than sitting. That's just me though.....

Other Classroom Management Things I Do

Tickets (Whole Class)



They can get a total of three tickets each library class time....

- 1. Coming in and checking books in orderly and quietly.
- 2. Listening and participating in the lesson.
- 3. Quiet during center time. (If we have to count down, no ticket.)

The class with the most tickets in each grade level wins a prize.

The class with the most tickets in school wins a BIG prize. They are ULTRA COMPETITIVE......



Class Dojo



Right now, it's pretty basic for me. If a class earns all their dojos for the day, they earn a dojo in their regular class as well. If a class earns a certain amount of dojos in a quarter, they get a TWO CENTER DAY!

Next year, I'm going to try harder to implement a few more prizes....maybe.

While the kids are in line at the end of class, we review the day and I give out dojos.

1 dojo: Coming in and checking in books quietly

1 dojo: Listened and participated during the lesson

1 dojo: No count downs during center time

1 dojo: Quiet during storytime

1 dojo: Lined up quietly

Clip Chart (Individual Students)



We stay on green.
Clip up...DOJO
Clip down once...warning
Clip down twice...Lose a
DOJO

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