Using Classroom Display to Extend Learning

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Mississippi Department of Education

VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community





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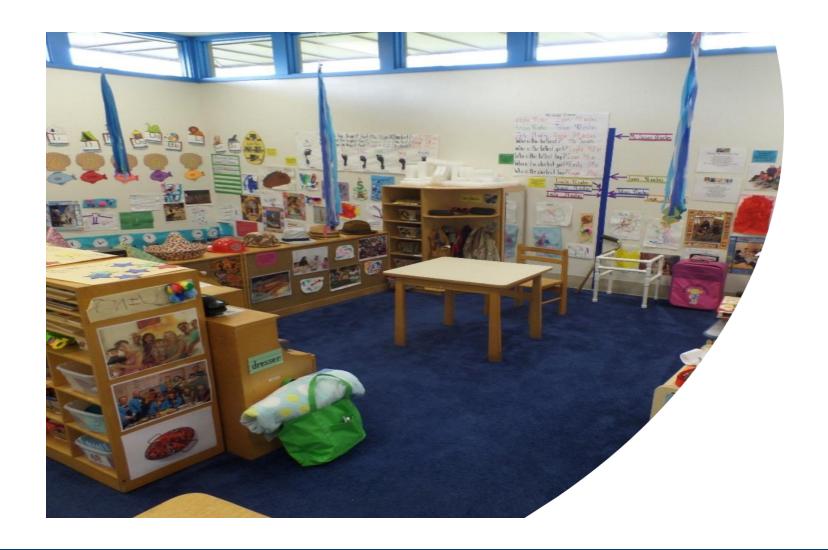
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Why is Display Important?

- It gives them increased ownership of their environment.
- It lets them take pride in the work they've created.
- It gives them a chance to recall and revisit their work and learning.





What do you think?





Share Your Thoughts in the Chat





All the Right Stuff





Tips for Display

- Display should be used as a teaching tool
- Display should be a basic simple font or children's writing
- Should not be overly stimulating
- Display at child's eye-level
- Display should include children's work
- Display family pictures, trips, and pets
- Child dictated and written when possible
- Interactive and meaningful





General Display









- Bulletin board displays
- Alphabet trains and letter posters
- Circle time and concept posters
- Classroom labels
- Classroom management charts
- Informational posters



Bulletin Board Display

- Centered around a theme
- Displayed at child's eye-level
- Interactive
- Colorful but not over stimulating





Alphabet Trains and Word Walls











Display Advanced Words and Academic Language 15

- Incorporate interesting and complex language
- Provide child-friendly definitions
- Encourage children to define words on their own and display their definitions
- Use academic language and a variety of adjectives
- Read and rotate books to offer a variety of words and character situations
- Create a literacy rich classroom







Circle Time and Concept Posters









Center Labels

Label shelves and containers to help children be successful when cleaning up.



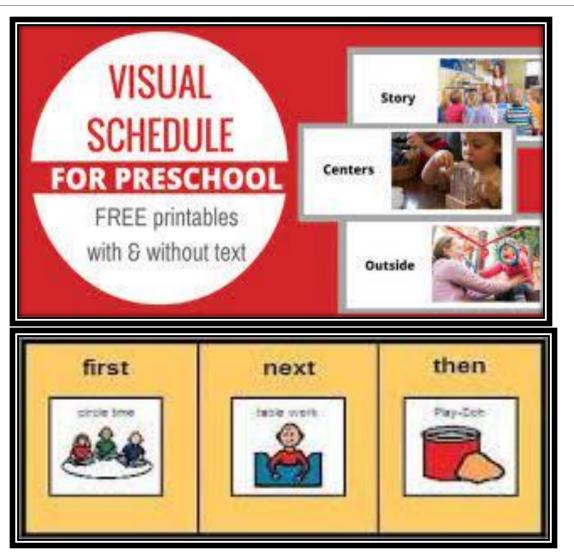
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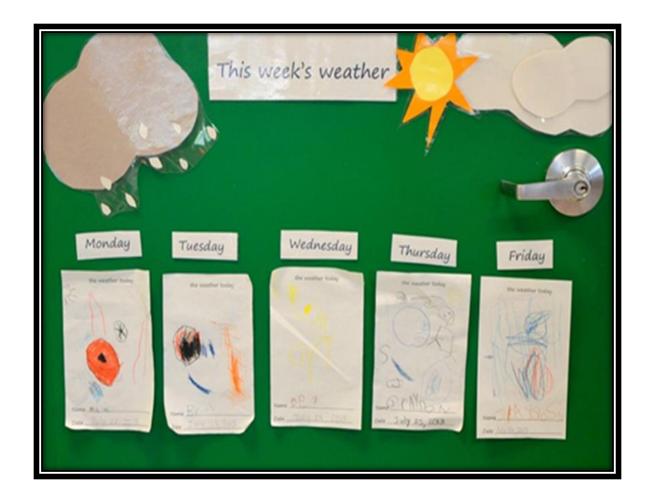
Examples of a Flexible Predictable Schedule







Informational Posters







Establish Rules and Use Reminders



- Keep rules simple (3-4 rules)
- Explain why the rules are necessary
- Be consistent
- Use gentle reminders
- Use visual reminders
- Talk about changes
- Establish a flexible but stable routine
- Develop a classroom management system



Additional Examples of Simple Classroom Rules 21









Display a Classroom Management System











Meaningful Display

- Name labels
- Birthday and attendance charts
- Job postings
- Family pictures and special events
- Displayed artwork
- Theme related experiences and experiments
- Math graphs and other charts

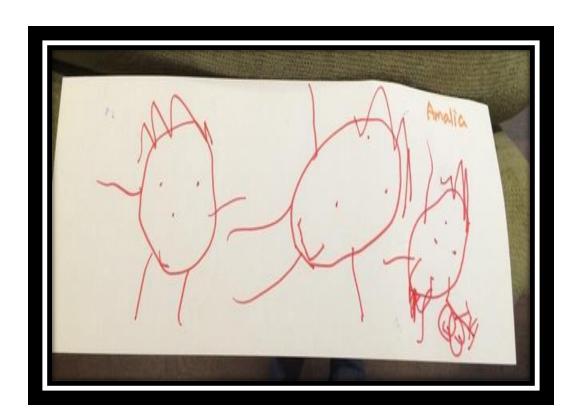






Meaningful Classroom Display Tips

- Involve the children
- Informative and realistic
- Colorful and interesting
- Pictures of family
- Change frequently and correlate to the theme
- Children's work and artwork displayed





Name Cards and Labels







Birthday Chart



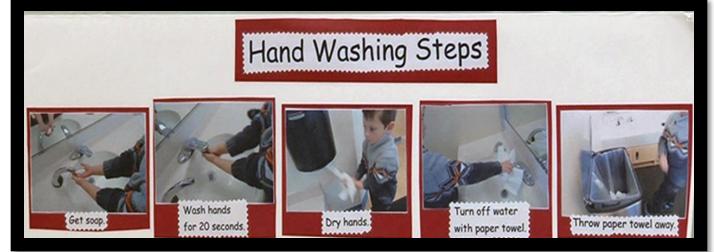




Making it Meaningful



Make an informational poster meaningful by allowing the children to help create the same poster using their own pictures or writings.





Making Rules and Reminders Charts





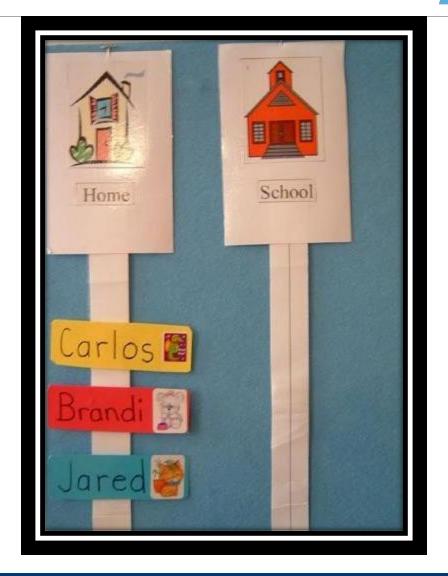






Attendance Display Chart







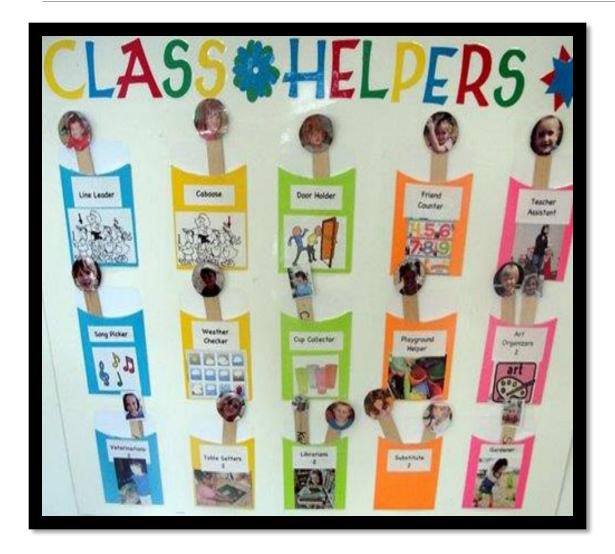
Roles and Responsibilities: Using a Helper Chart 30

- Wait staff (helps with meals and snacks)
- Custodian services (clean up tables & centers)
- Class DJ (choose songs)
- Energy conserver (turn off lights)
- Weather reporter
- Librarian (help rotate or take care of the books)
- Arts Manager (help clean up messy art areas)
- Technology or computer expert (help with setting up or turning off computers/iPads)





Examples of Helper Charts







Empower Your Children

- Expectations
- Foster autonomy
- Give them choices
- Listen and respond
- Speak kindly
- Build pride and the "I can do it!" spirit

...the fact is that kids learn to make good decisions by making decisions, not by following directions.

> Alfie Kohn (Feel-Bad Education)





Using Child Created Display to Extend Learning





Display Around the Room

Use index cards to post academic words in the science area.





Create a look and observe box of insects and small creatures.

Label items with correct names.

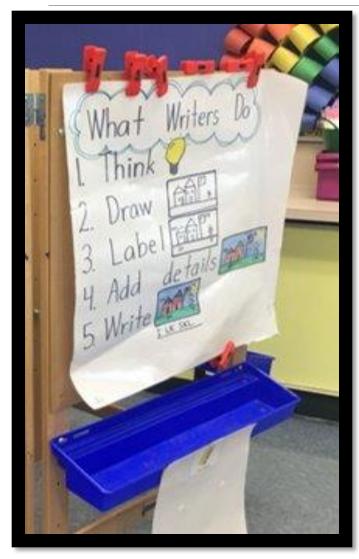


Clearly label items.





Use Visual Charts to Promote Autonomy



This action chart states that children should:

- 1. Think
- 2. Draw
- 3. Label
- 4. Add details
- 5. Write



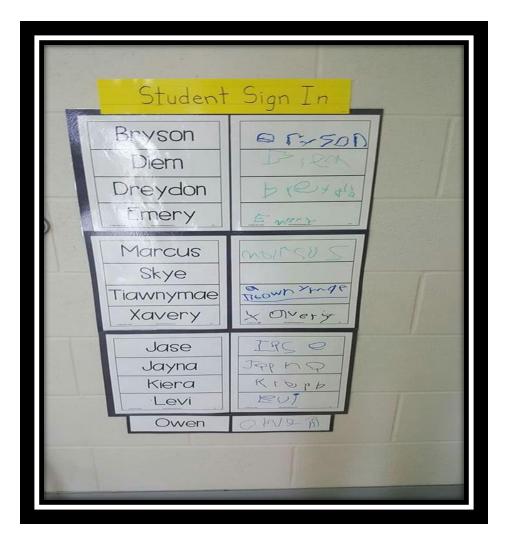
Directions for using an art easel:

- 1. Put on a smock
- 2. Get paper, and clip to the easel
- 3. Write your name
- 4. Create your artwork
- 5. Unclip and place in the drying rack





Allow Children to Practice Signing in Daily

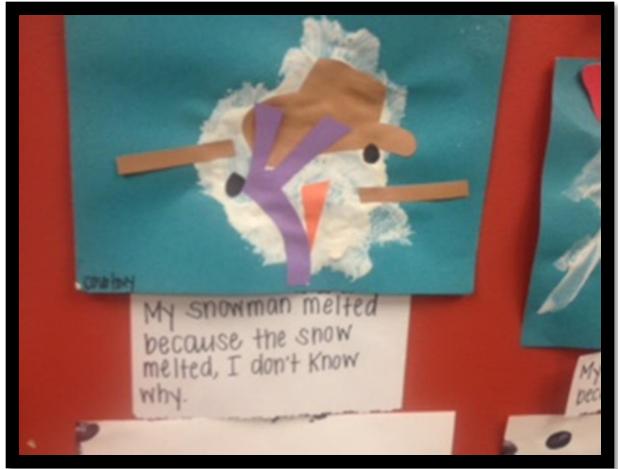






Displayed Artwork with Dictation





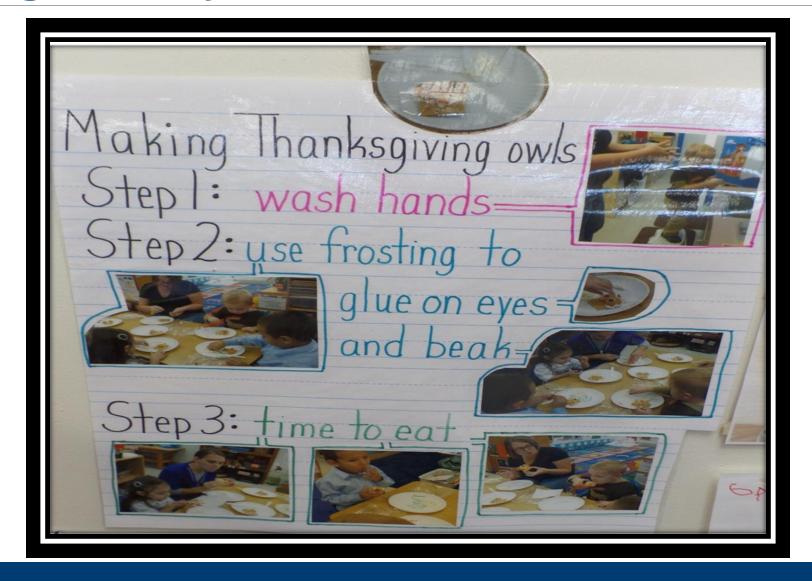


Family Pictures Posted





Cooking Activity

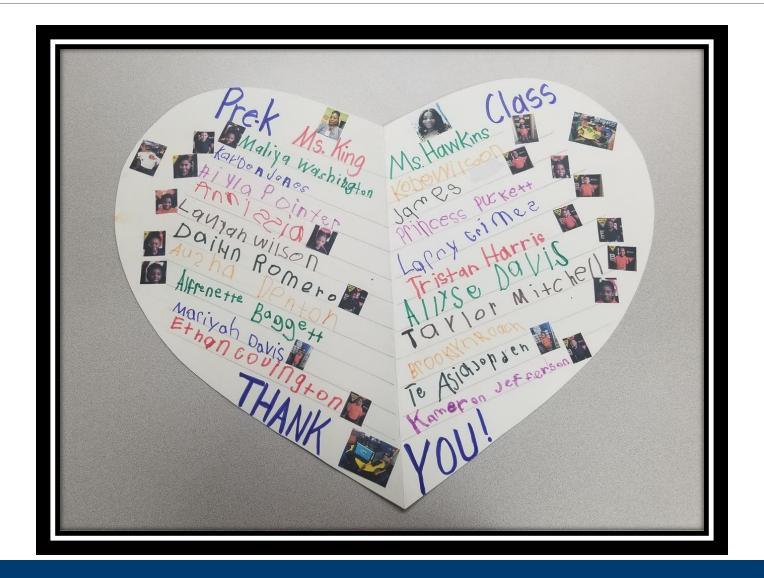




Field Trip Display



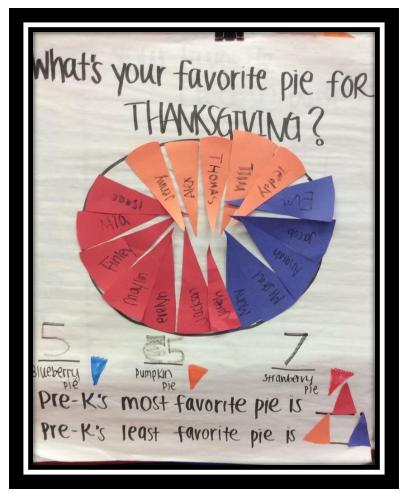






Special Events Display and Graph







Graphs, Charts and Theme Related Display



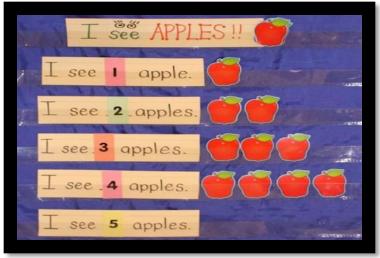




Display Charts and Graphs









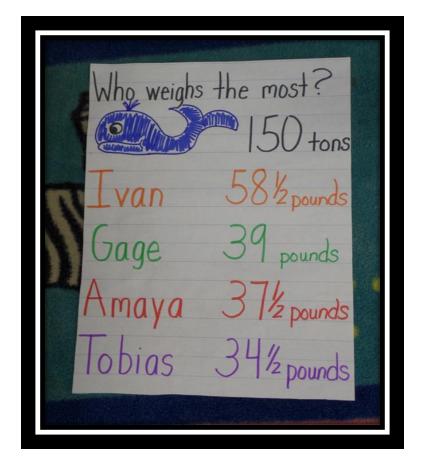
Meaningful Charts







Incorporating Charts and Theme Ideas



Add a weight scale to the science area and post results.









Theme Related Display



Theme Related Shared Writing

- 1. What do you already know?
- 2. What do you want to learn?
- 3. What did we learn?





Theme Related Display- Family Theme

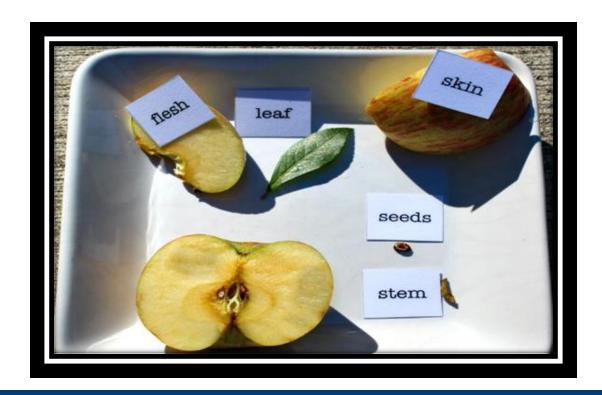






Display Experiments and Related Activities







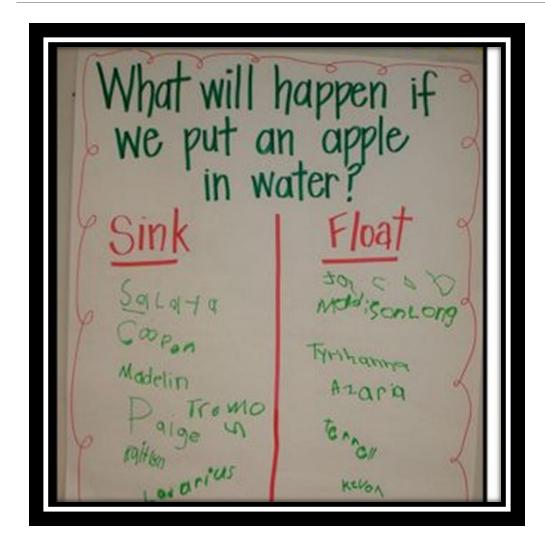
Theme Related Activities







Display Science Charts: Making Predictions









Extend the Display to the Outdoors







Documenting Desired Outcomes





ELS Objective: P.D. F.M. PK 4.1

- With prompting and support use fine muscle and eye-coordination for such purposes as using utensils, self-care, building, and exploring (e.g., place small objects in a bottle).
- To meet this objective through a developmentally appropriate play-based activity, you may observe these activities to be set-up for learning this week in the classroom.











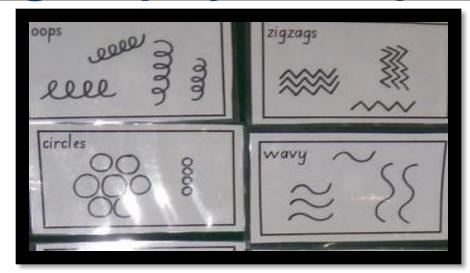
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