

Literacy Centers to Incorporate During Guided Reading

Overhead Projection Center	Poems on transparencies, lists, riddles, etc.
Magnetic Letter/Numbers	Manipulate words, alphabet, sentences. (You need many sets!)
Dress Up/Drama	Collection of costume parts for imaginative play and productions (hats, scarves, glasses, shoes, etc.)
Construction	Tinker Toys, blocks, Legos, dominoes, actual construction materials to cut, glue, hammer, and saw.
Nature Center	Microscope, magnifying lenses, animals, ant farms, leaf, seed, shell collections, rock and mineral displays.
Magnetic/Felt Boards	Manipulate stories - oral language development - sequencing.
Sand/Water Center	Children's swim pool, galvanized wash pans, etc., lots of bottles to work with. (bubbles are neat, too!)
Puppet Center	Hand held, commercially made, as well as student made.
Puzzles, Games	Commercial venues and/or teacher made.
Problem Solving	Task Cards with appropriate support materials.
Art Center (paint, glue, paper, etc.)	Collection of supplies to allow children to explore

Listening Center	Stories, tapes, books - opportunity to record as well as listen.
Class Library	Teacher selected books; a clean and welcoming place, not a shabby collection of has beens!
Big Book Center	Collection of big books that you've already introduced and read...not new ones to come!
Research Center	"Big" questions - often about social studies or science with relics and books, charts and maps that are of an appropriate level to encourage student research.
Publishing Center	A collection of items (covers, paper, staplers, tape, glue, wall paper, markers, etc.) for a child to produce his/her own book.
Student Written Materials	Collection of class and individual written materials.
Poetry Center	A box of carefully selected poems on cards (laminated is nice) and set in a center for reading.
Riddle (and/or Joke Box) Cartoon Box	Teacher selects age appropriate materials from magazines and newspapers, etc., mounts on tag board, laminates, and puts in boxes.
Other Reading Materials	Phone directory, picture books, wordless books, novel sets, encyclopedias, thesaurus, anthologies of poetry and short stories, recipe books, dictionaries, t.v. guide, catalogs.

