

Wish List Project

My classroom is a 6th grade classroom focused on all subjects, without transitions throughout the day. We do have block time as well as recess, but students return to my classroom after each. My class is decorated in black and white with a vintage chalk board motif to help with the over stimulation of the students. I have a few posters on the wall and décor hanging in strategic areas in the room, but décor is very minimum as to not clutter or distract the students too much to upset the learning within. I have arranged the desks in a horseshoe/semi-circle shape facing the board and the smart television of it, with my desk being adjacent to the side, with an extra-long desk of a student and his aid. I have made a small cozy area in a back corner with some bean bags, pillows, a rug, and curtain on the window. I also have my classroom book collection in this corner so students can sit and read or relax when they can.

I am aware of the issue of students getting anxious or zoning out during class if they are just sitting all day to learn, so in my class I am trying to limit that issue as much as possible. With each desk, students will have the option of 3 kinds of chairs to sit on depending on preference and can use them throughout the semester. Students may use an ordinary chair with the option of a kick band to attach to their chair's legs, a wobble stool with optional seat cushion, or a yoga ball. I also allow students the option of no chair for as long as they want to stand and do their work if they need it. Students may also, depending on behavior, be allowed to use their choice of fidget device in my collection, such as squish balls, mesh marble sticks, etc. Students can check out a fidget device but must use it for its purpose or they will not be allowed to use them.

My students in my classroom is a mix of general students as well as 3 students who receive extra help. I have 2 students who leave for English intervention every morning for 30 minutes, as well as 1 student who has an aid with him throughout the day for ASD. All students have their own iPads and I have a charging chart for them in my classroom. I allow students to keep their iPads at their desks to use when required, however if they are using them at times when they should be put up, they will lose their ability to keep them at their desks and be required to keep them in the charging cart when not in use. I have a smart Television that I can link my teacher iPad with to review videos or online lessons with the students.

My classroom wish list for technology is:

- 3 [Nearpods](#) for my students to be able to use VR to visit areas we discuss in History/social studies in a 3D way. It is a licensed membership that the school can buy for the district
- [Learn Around the World](#) technology so students can connect with other students from around the world and collaborate with them, take virtual field trips to other lands, and have speakers from other country talk directly to my classroom
- [Kidblog](#) for a weekly place that my students can be creative and blog about themselves or for schoolwork, such as book reviews or poems. It is a licensed membership that the school can buy for the district.

- [Science 360 Video Library](#) is a an Ipad and Android app that allows students to explore the latest science videos from scientists, colleges and universities, science and engineering centers, the National Science Foundation, and more.
- [Livebinders](#) is an online create your own classroom textbooks, evidence documentation, ePortfolios, and more to make it easy for your students to find and use resources in a visual context they understand. It is free to use but you can buy an upgrade.

As far as things, I would like to have many books that involve subjects like math, science, and technology within the story so my students can read and become more comfortable seeing and learning about those subjects. I would love a have a couple small laminators as well as a midsize one for my classroom, as well as white board desktop covers and expo markers for the students to use for mathematics or other subjects. I also would like for each of my students to have reusable notebooks with erasable pens. I would love 3 classroom cameras that our students can use for the class scrapbook and for projects.