

Important things to remember about Literacy Workshop:

Start slowly

Teach, model, and practice any new item or idea before incorporating it
In doubt, model some more

ABC shelves

ABC puzzles, games involving letters, play doh, rhyming games

Listening Center

Tape player

Earphones in individual bags

Response papers after several weeks

(see accompanying papers)

Library

Books on shelves

Books in baskets with labels

Later: post it notes, thumbs up thumbs down card on stick

Puppet stage (Tri fold Project board will work)

Book with puppets, (paper plate puppets, sock puppets, store bought puppets, scanned illustration puppets)

Write the Room

Clipboards

Pencils

Stickers

I like the book Write the Room by Shari Sloane

Poetry

Choose poems that you want your children to learn

I suggest fairly short ones with many sight words included

I use ones with a single letter as the focus

Pocket Chart

I use 6 page sight word books from Sight Word Books Level 1 from Creative Teaching Press

Favorite game for the pocket chart is "Rowdy Rat"

I have a stand which houses a chart on either side so that the second semester I have a game up on one side and a sight word book on the other

Overhead projector

Letters in divided box or drawers

Names of classmates

Later: transparencies of chapel songs and poems, store bought materials with vis-a-vis pens

Walk On Charts

I will bring examples

I don't know if the book I originally used is available

Timeframe:

First few days:

ABC Shelves (all kinds of alphabet materials and games)

Second week of school:

Puppet Station

Write the Room

Poetry Station

Third week of school:

Pocket chart

Overhead projector

Make and Take

Fourth week of school:

Big Books

ABC Magnetic work

Walk on Charts

Other stations that are added throughout the year:

Tell a Story

Buddy Reading

Read the Room

Computer

I do **not** call small groups for instruction the first 9 weeks of school. When I assess individually during this time I am sitting where I can see all that is happening in the room. Consider me the lifeguard.

I'll bring "home made" materials and store bought to the workshop. You might want to bring a camera.

Follow-the-Directions Art Activities: 20 Easy Seasonal Projects with Step-by-Step Instructions and Templates That Give Kids Practice in Reading and Following Directions by Teresa Cornell, Amy Weaver Scholastic

Literacy Work Stations: Making Centers Work by Debbie Diller

Sight Word Books Level 1 by Creative Teaching Press

abcteach.com

Write the Room by Shari Sloane

Success with Sight Words: Multisensory Ways to Teach High-Frequency Words by Creative Teaching Press

A few monthly songs:

A U G U S T

Back to school for you and me.

Hot and sunny is the weather.

Old friends, new friends all together.

A U G U S T

Back to school for you and me.

(Sing to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

December is here.

December is here.

Celebrations everywhere.

And then a brand new year!

(The Farmer in the Dell)

January now is here, now is here, now is here

Let's all give a great big cheer for January.

January starts the year, starts the year, starts the year,

January starts the year

The year 2010!

(London Bridge is Falling Down)

