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Creating a Positive Learning Environment

Use these tips to keep your students' learning visible in the classroom—a key factor in creating a positive learning environment!



Self-Stick Easel Pad

If you and your students have been making anchor charts on bulletin board paper, it's time to invest in a **Self-Stick Easel Pad**. It takes less than a minute to remove a sheet from the pad and press it onto your whiteboard, bulletin board, or wall, making your transition into chart-making mode seamless. Better yet, the paper stays put while information is being added. And another benefit? You can keep more anchor charts readily available to students. The self-stick top makes it easy to stack charts one on top of the other, which means that you or your students can flip to a recent chart quickly. That's a lot of visible learning within your students' reach!

Featured Products: Self-Stick Easel Pad (Office Depot item #434238)



Watercolor Markers, Scented Assorted Colors

Write a weekly list of learning goals on chart paper. Then have each student use **Watercolor Markers in Scented Assorted Colors** to sign the paper. Post the declaration of learning in the classroom or hallway. What a colorful and fragrant reminder of the goals students have and the learning that's taking place!

Featured Products: Watercolor Markers in Scented Assorted Colors (Office Depot item #203034)



Top-Loading Plastic Page Protectors

A good-work bulletin board is a perfect way to showcase students' learning, and this display earns an A+ because it is managed by students. Post the title "We're Clearly Learning!" along with a class set of **Office Depot Brand Top-Loading Sheet Protectors** or **OfficeMax Heavyweight Sheet Protectors**. A student selects a sample of her best work and slips it into a plastic page protector for others to see. Encourage students to update their work samples each week.

Featured Products: Office Depot Brand Top-Loading Sheet Protectors (item #498811)

You Said It!

What song would be a good theme for your classroom?

Nearly 31% of teachers chose "We Are Family," followed by 21% selecting "Happy," and 20.8% selecting "Welcome to the Jungle."

—Office Depot & OfficeMax 2014 Teacher School Supply Survey