

## ADVICE ON CLASSROOM SET-UP

This is advice from other teachers about setting up a classroom and beginning to teach in the SFUSD. If you have a suggestion to be added to this list or a correction, please send an e-mail to [RobinM@sfcfund.org](mailto:RobinM@sfcfund.org).

- Give students good art materials to make science, language arts, etc. visual and rich.
- Set up clear centers with tools there to complete tasks; e.g. a science center with live animals and plants.
- CIPD provides services, workshops, etc.
- Always check the WAD.
- Solicit book lists from other teachers.
- Set up a library corner in your classroom.
- Ask veteran teachers for advice.
- Start with the very basics: chair set-up, calendar on the board, agenda with lesson for the day, consistency in enforcing classroom rules.
- Share! Share advice, suggestions and tips and listen to any given! One might be the answer you needed or the question you forgot to ask.
- The most important thing in a classroom is a lot of empty space that the students will fill up - it needs to be the students' classroom, not the teacher's.
- Observe arrangements in experienced teachers' classrooms, or in classrooms of teachers you admire.
- Create a theme and make your classroom an inclusive environment.