

Classroom Management

Erasing Marks

Dilute a bottle of Glass cleaner to spray on grease pencil marks. Collect old gloves and mittens to wipe off grease pencil marks.

Use carpet scraps to erase crayon marks from wipe-off surfaces. They are easy to use and very economical.

Use old socks as erasers for dry erase boards. (*Bethany Hamilton-Jones, Cleveland Road Elementary*)

For precise erasing while using an overhead transparency, use facial or cosmetic wedges. When moistened they make an ideal eraser for small areas.

Remove crayon build-up from laminated materials by spraying on a petroleum-based pre-wash laundry product. Spray an extra amount on stubborn stains. After a few minutes, wipe clean.

Funnels

Cut the top 4 1/2 inches off of a 2-L plastic bottle. Flip the top over and you have a homemade funnel.

Hula Hoop Stations

Place hula hoops around the class with tubs of manipulatives, floor puzzles or task cards in the center of each. Instruct students to sit inside the hula-hoop and work on their activity. Students enjoy having their own space and should focus on tasks longer.

Index Card and Pockets

Have students make a pocket by stapling the sides and bottom of an index card on the cover of their class notebooks. Tell students to keep two pens or sharpened pencils in the pockets.

Newspaper Bags and Bread Bags

As winter weather arrives, teachers of young children need to help students with their boots. Save time by using bread and newspaper bags. Just slip one over the child's food and his foot will slide in easily, and they will keep their feet dryer.

Pantyhose Soap Holder

Encourage students to bring soap bits to school instead of throwing them away. Collect the soap bits and place them in a stocking. Tie stocking to the handle of sink for handwashing soap.

Plastic Lid Patterns

Make durable patterns by using margarine or coffee lids. Trace shapes, numbers, animals, and more with a permanent marker on plastic lids and cut out with scissors.

Pringles Can or Tennis Ball Container Note Carrier

Ensure your notes arrive home in good condition to parents. Have each student decorate and

label a Pringles can or tennis ball container. Children can use their creations to carry notes, messages or forms home.

Shoe Bag Storage

A multi-pocket, plastic shoe bag can store many small supplies. Hang the bag and fill the pockets with pens, pencils, crayons, paper clips, scissors, tape, etc.

Spool Hall Pass

Plastic spools from gift-wrap ribbons make great, durable hall passes that students can slip over their wrists. They are easy to recognize by school officials and are not easily lost.