

## Helen Jung's 6<sup>th</sup> grade Classroom

Here are a few pics of the classroom in general. I have 5 tables of 6 or 7 desks. I like this layout much better than rows or banquet tables or U-shape because it's more conducive to cooperative activities and opportunities to discuss with more classmates.





Here is my bookcase with all my reference materials and where I put the materials I need for the week and so forth.



On top of the bookcase, I have a paper organizer with labels to store worksheets, tests, and

reference sheets that are already run off and ready to use at the proper time. This totally cuts down on my time searching for it in the filing cabinet. Next to it, I use a nail/screw/tool organizer (that my master teacher gave me as a gift) to store little office items, such as paper clips, erasers, staples, rubber bands, etc. Really comes in handy!!! **That's a really good idea- and they're not that expensive.**



Then, on the first shelf of the bookcase, I put in 6 paper trays, one for each day of the week and an extra one for papers that need to be filed. Whatever papers I need for that week, I put them into the right tray so I or a sub can easily access it that day.



For teacher reference books that I don't use on a regular basis but still want easy access to, I put

them into magazine files (really cheap at IKEA) and categorized them by subject and labeled the file box accordingly. That way, if I need a lesson idea for math, I can easily just scan the box labeled "math."

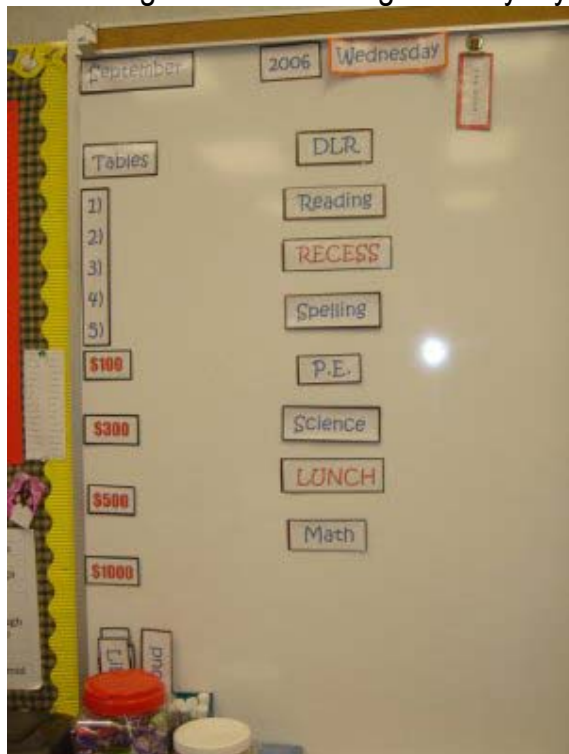


Next to the bookcase is my workstation. There is only one computer in the room and it's the teacher computer. Nothing special here except I got a shelf for the top of my monitor so I can utilize that space and I have a book stand to prop up my plan book because space is limited on the table itself.





This is my daily schedule, table points, and fines section of the whiteboard. I have laminated words that I made and put magnetic strips on the back, so I don't have to constantly write the same thing over and over again everyday.



On the other side of the whiteboard, I have my homework board. Same idea as the daily schedule--laminated word cards with magnetic strips on the back.



Here is the perfect alternative use of a locker organizer. I picked this up for less than \$5 at Target and it stores my whiteboard markers and word cards so nicely! I'm very proud of this idea...hehe! You *should* be proud- I've been looking for something to keep those magnetized strips in. Right now I'm using a rolling cart drawer.



In previous years, my students always seemed to be confused about where to put their test when they were done because each time, I would have a different place, so now I've finally designated this wooden paper tray as a test box near the front of the room where students will put their tests in every time. If you're curious, the label says "Place your test here, facing down and in the same direction." LOL- I like that.



On my desk, I have a neat lil paper tray from IKEA and I've designated the top tray as my "mailbox." This is where students put in anything they need to give to me, like notes from parents, permission slips, late work, etc.



This thing used to be in my closet, but after cleaning it out, I brought it to school and decided to use it as an organizer for any work for absent students. I always had trouble finding a place for extra papers that I knew I needed later, so I thought this would be perfect.



This is the student station. This cart on wheels has a lot of the student supplies that they need, such as stapler, hole punch, pencils, index cards, rulers, etc. and each container is labeled. **Very well organized. Wow.**



This is what I use to keep track of what classroom library books are out to which students. Of course, this is on an honor system, but students fill out a card for the book they want to keep in their desk or take home to read and put it in their number, and when they're done, they put the

book back and throw away the card (after showing me the book and card).



Here are the student mailboxes where I put in homework and necessary papers that need to go home.

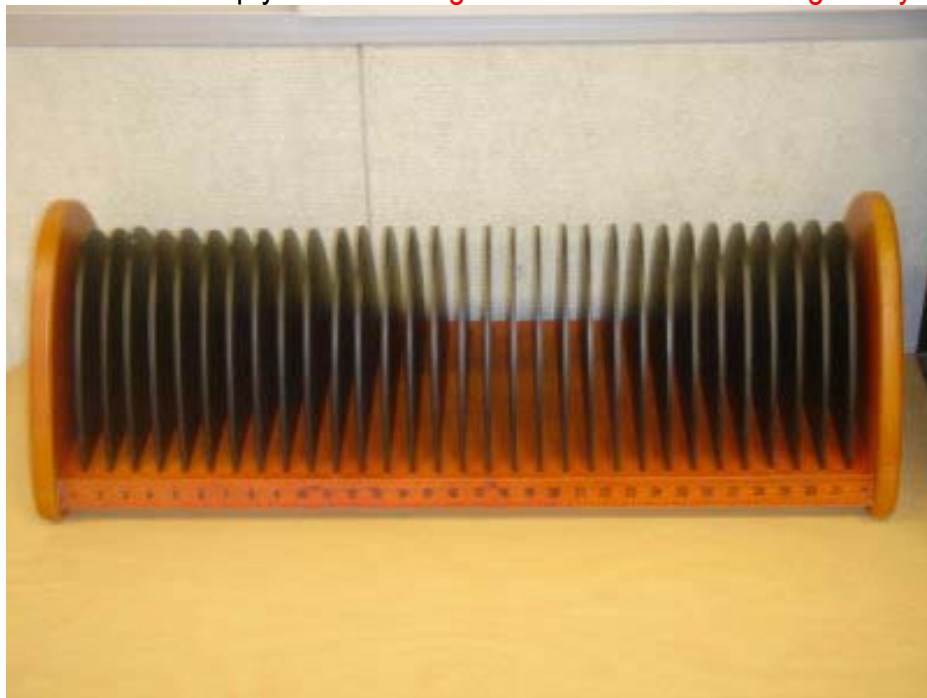


Next to the mailboxes is the extra box and organizers to store papers that students have access to, such as lined paper, envelopes, book orders, reading logs, etc. The extra box is for any extra flyers or papers that kids might need a copy of later. **It's REALLY important to have a place for**

extra papers- I have one drawer for extra classwork papers and one for extra papers that go home. It never ceases to amaze me how I (or a kid) will need something that was passed out months ago.



This is the greatest thing! It's a mail organizer because there are 31 slots for each day of the month, but I use this to organize the students' weekly folders that go home to the parents. It keeps it neat and it's so easy to check and see who didn't bring their folder back because their slot would be empty! **What an ingenious idea for these things- why didn't I think of that!?**



My mom used to own a supermarket and I had this shopping basket laying around, so one day, I just turned into a teacher basket by covering up the "Marlboro" advertisements on the side! I use it to carry graded papers and teacher manuals home. I also have a teacher bag and teacher cart, but I sometimes use this as well. **Very creative!**



I always had trouble finding a way to organize my bulletin board titles and headers because they're all different sizes and lengths until one day, I realized I could use a file folder organizer and achieve the results that I was looking for. Now, they're not all over the place and I can neatly stack them in my cabinet. **I like that they're visible. I would also think that not having them put away in boxes keeps roaches from hiding inside them (assuming your school has a bug problem like most).**



It took me 4 years to finally do this, but I have all my social studies and science units in binders now. Forget putting them in filing cabinets! Binders are so much neater.



For all our district assessments, I've put them in magazine files and labeled them, so I don't have stacks and stacks of papers to sift through to find what I want. **Yes! I did this last year and LOVE it. I have the exact same holders (from IKEA, right? 5 for \$2).**



I've invested a few good dollars having these self-inking stamps made for my classroom library books, to sign detention slips and other things, and for stamping tests that need parent signature. It's so worth the money to get these for things you use on a regular basis!



Here is my library area complete with a rug and bean bags from Target.



I use calendar cut-outs to glue the students' pictures on them and post them up.



Here are just some more pictures of the classroom...





