

# Classroom Environment

Setting the stage for purpose with intention

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# What do you notice?



# Theory behind this philosophy:

## Why

- promotes higher order thinking skills
- encourages reflection
- documents learning journey
- makes learning visible

## How

- floorbooks
- storyboards
- panels
- wonder wall



<https://youtu.be/2RD9X0ow20E>



# Virginia Chance School



# Natural Materials





# Wood Tones and Muted Colors





Inviting  
Open-Ended  
Activities/  
Provocations



# Organized Materials in Baskets or Neutral Plastic Containers



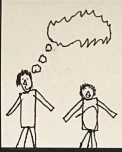


# Space that honors social/ emotional learning



WAYS TO SOPE PROBLEMS

1. Think about the problem



2. Talk using kind voices.



3. Ignore and walk away.



4. Be flexible



# Student Print and Class Agreements

We can recycle:





# Student Work Displays with Documentation



# Space for Exploration and Play





# Flexible Seating



# Cozy and Intimate Gathering Spaces





# Soft and Natural Light





# Feels and Looks Like Home



# Repurposed Materials





# Materials and Space to Create



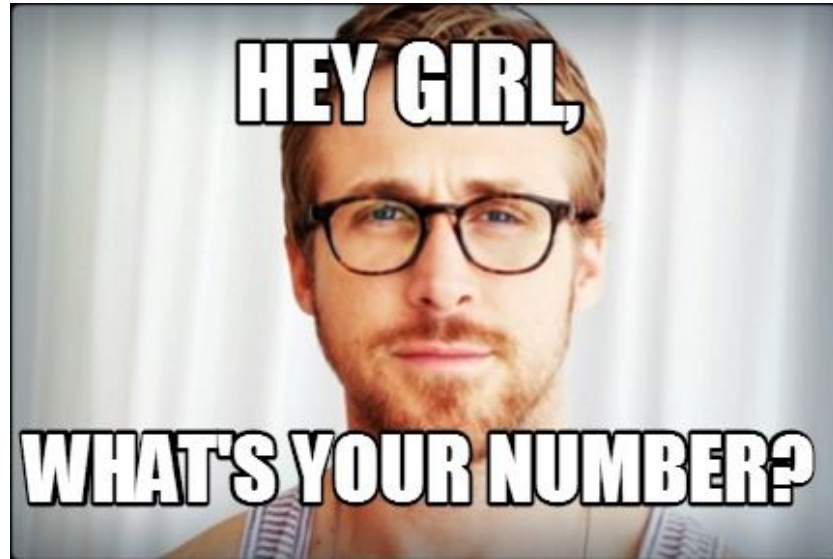
# Emphasis on the Arts



# 12 Ways to Upgrade Your Classroom Design

<https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/upgrade-classroom-design/>

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# Reflection and Next Steps

Training

## Worksheet for Goal Setting and Addressing Barriers

(developed by Margie Carter and Deb Curtis)

Goals for next Monday	Goals for next school year	Goals for next three years	Barriers to overcome	Support I need
Things to add:	Things to add:	Things to add:	In me:	Specific support to ask for:
Things to eliminate:	Things to eliminate:	Things to eliminate:	In the environment:	
Things to change or rearrange:	Things to change or rearrange:	Things to change or rearrange:	In our policies:	Specific education or training to seek out:

**BLUE:** goals for Monday

**RED:** goals for next school year

**ORANGE:** goals for the next three years

**YELLOW:** goals for Monday

**GREEN:** goals for next school year

**BROWN:** goals for the next three years

# Colorful Conversation



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