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## Early Elementary Classroom

### The Need for Early Elementary Classrooms

A great first and second grade classroom should be arranged in a way that keeps students focused and engaged with their subject material. Desks should be appropriately sized for young students and positioned to allow them to make eye contact with each other, facilitating discussions and encouraging active participation. Desks should be lightweight enough that they can be easily turned or moved around to form collaborative groups as needed. Technology tables give students a dedicated space to work with devices, research or collaborate in small groups. A cozy nook with shelving and soft seating gives students a place to read or meet for breakout sessions. Lockers and cubbies keep students' belongings or classroom supplies organized. Mobile writing surfaces can be rolled around the classroom as needed, helping teachers present material or write down assignments.

### Requirements for a Great Early Elementary Classroom

For **students**, the best classroom should offer personalized space for books, devices and other belongings. The desks should be arranged so that all students can easily view the teacher as he or she presents lesson material and workstations should be easy to move into small group formations for projects or brainstorming. Seating should be both durable and comfortable enough to support long periods of sitting.

For **teachers**, the first and second grade classroom should make presentations easy, with large mobile writing surfaces and enough space to move around the room with ease. Desks should be arranged in a way that they can be quickly turned around or pushed together for small group work. Dedicated spaces for breakout work should be easily accessible for mentoring.

For **administrators**, a great first and second grade classroom should be arranged and furnished in a way that aligns with the vision for that space. They need to know that all products are available at the time they are needed and that their order will arrive correctly and on time. Installations must be quick and efficient.

### Early Elementary Classroom Solutions from School Outfitters

School Outfitters designed a first and second grade classroom with furnishings that accommodate both teacher-led discussions as well as collaborative groups. Products have been grouped together in ways meant to spark engagement while preparing young students for the upper grades. The **Teacher-Led Discussion Area**, **Breakout Area** and **Storage Area** work together to create a great first and second grade classroom.

The **Teacher-Led Discussion Area** helps teachers and students get the most out of class-wide presentations and demonstrations.

- **Student desks**
- **School chairs**
- **Teacher desk**
- **Teacher chair**
- **Mobile magnetic markerboard**
- **Mobile corkboard**

**Student desks** feature spacious work surfaces with thick tabletops that withstand heavy use, and laminate surfaces clean easily. A lightweight design makes them easy to move into group arrangements for collaborative work.

**School chairs** constructed from durable, reinforced plastic support students as they lean back. The smooth, anti-static seats don't require a metal backrest, which means students won't snag hair or clothing on exposed rivets. The lightweight design makes it easy for students to pick them up and move them around the room.

The **teacher desk** gives educators their own personal work surface. Storage pedestals beneath the tabletop keep supplies and personal belongings organized.

The **teacher chair** ensures educators remain comfortable as they mentor students or grade assignments.

The **mobile markerboard** allows teachers to write down notes or assignments as they lecture or present. Rolling casters make it simple to move anywhere in the room.

A **mobile corkboard** provides a large surface that lets students and teachers tack papers that may need to remain posted for longer durations. Rolling casters easily move the board around the room.

The **Breakout Area** provides the classroom with functional learning spaces that accommodate computer or device use, group work and collaboration, or independent reading or study.

- The **Tech Area** offers students a dedicated space for research or assignments that require the use of a computer.

This area includes:

- o **Computer Tables**

- o **Soft Seating**

**Computer tables** offer a spacious surface for students to work on desktops or devices while spreading out notebooks or other project materials. Grommet holes keep wires and cables out of the way.

**Soft seating** provides students with comfortable, padded seating that's sure to keep them comfortable as they work with computers or devices.

- The **Group Work Area** is comprised of easy-to-move furniture that can be arranged and rearranged to accommodate groups of varying sizes. This area includes:

- o **Collaborative Tables**

- o **Soft Seating**

**Collaborative tables** feature spacious work surfaces that are still compact enough to allow team members to reach the materials that they need for their activities. The table shapes are designed to let all students see each other, giving everyone an equal opportunity to participate.

**Soft seating** keeps students comfortable and its lightweight, compact design makes it easy for students to pick up and move their seating as needed.

- The **Reading Area** gives students a quiet, comfortable space in which they can read a book or study quietly. This area includes:

- o **Rug**

- o **Book stand**

- o **Soft Seating**

A classroom **rug** gives your reading area a finished look and offers a soft place for students who prefer to sit on the floor.

The **book stand** makes story books easily accessible to children and keeps reading material organized when the area isn't in use.

**Soft seating** keeps children comfortable as they read. Its lightweight design makes it easy to pick up and move.

The **Storage Area** keeps the classroom organized, so students and teachers can quickly access supplies and materials without consuming much class time.? Furnishings in this area include:?

- **Lockers**
- **Cubby Storage with Bins**
- **Open Shelving**
- **Mobile Bin Storage**

**Lockers** give children a place to store personal belongings like a jacket or bookbag, while class is in session.

**Cubby storage** organizes classroom supplies, project components or toys.

**Open shelving** is perfect for items children should have ready access to such as story books or project supplies. They may also be used as a temporary display space for children's finished projects.

**Mobile bin storage** makes distributing and collecting supplies simple, since the unit can be wheeled directly to student work areas. The bins can also be completely removed from the cart for use at collaborative tables or learning stations.

### **Choosing your Early Elementary Classroom Solution**

School Outfitters makes it simple to outfit a great first and second grade classroom. Choose the option that best fits your budget and needs, and with just one click, you get an itemized quote for this classroom, including all of our specially designed stations. Our helpful representatives are happy to answer any questions about our stations and how you can put them to use in your first and second grade classroom. Just give us a call 1-800-260-2776.