**2014 Institute Presentation Handout**

“Freshen Up Your Centers”

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Literacy:

* Quiz Me! sticks
* LeapPad, Leapster, and Tag Readers
* iPod or iPod Touch for listening center
* QR Codes
* Reading Power Towers
* Poetry binders
* Read to a buddy
* Poems for 2 voices
* I-Spy
* Finger lights
* Tumblebooks

Word Work:

* Faux technology (iPhone, iPad, laptop)
* Stamps in play dough
* Kinetic sand with stamps
* Boogie Board
* Magnetic letters
* Legos
* Clay
* Textured letters (like leaf rubbings)
* Sight word house
* Unifix cubes
* Sight word Jenga
* Roll a sight word and graph it
* Hidden words with white crayon

Writing:

* Write the Room
* Shared Journals
* Weekend Journals
* Story dice
* Fishing for Ideas

Math:

* Extreme Dot-to-Dot books
* Math Bottle Caps (making number sentences)
* Sequencing numbers on clothesline
* Race to One Hundred (place value)
* Guess Who Place Value
* Addition/Subtraction Candy Land
* Smileyface
* Math Power Towers
* Xtra Math
* Moby Max
* Flashcards
* Hot Dots
* Math Jenga

Other fun ideas:

* Bling out a bell to use for a rotation signal
* Push light- “I’m invisible!” for guided reading groups.
* www.gonoodle.com for brain breaks
* Guided reading folder from Debbie Diller
* Tidy Tubs
* “Ask Me!” lanyards
* Stamina thermometer
* Brag tags
* Floor numbers for lining up
* Quiet Critters

\*Disclaimer: These ideas are not our own. We have borrowed all of these great ideas from other wonderful teachers.