

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