

# 7 Steps

## To Classroom Design

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### 1 Teacher Space

Select a spot that will be a functional part of the teaching and learning environment.

### 2 Large Meeting Area

Define with a carpet or border of furniture.

### 3 Class Library

Decide on a small, cozy den, or place tubs throughout the classroom.

### 4 Technology

Desktop computers, laptops, and tablets need a place where they can be monitored and used effectively.

### 5 Student Work Spaces

A variety of choices include tables with chairs, a low table for floor seating, a few comfortable chairs, a love seat or bench, high desks for standing, individual desks, throw pillows, and small area rugs.

### 6 Storage Areas

Items that won't be used daily (like science materials and art supplies) can hide in our closets, but the following categories need to be out and organized in a way so students will be highly successful in finding and maintaining the materials.

- Individual student supplies
- Math materials
- Writing resources
- Word work supplies
- Book Boxes

### 7 Finishing Touches

These final touches turn our academic schoolroom into a warm, welcoming environment.

- **Walls:** One border color, and places to display the CAFE Menu, student writing, art, and math strategies and games.
- **Lighting:** A few well placed lamps reduce the need for noisy, garish fluorescent lighting.
- **Plants:** Real or fake, bring some nature in.