

# Literacy Centers

for Primary Grades  
Fast, Fun and Fabulous  
Graphic Organizer-Based Ideas

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We agreed... we needed a change! We were sick of sitting behind our guided reading tables, looking around our rooms and thinking, "***My room's a hot mess. There has got to be a better solution to centers.***"

Our kids were clearly bored and disengaged. We needed fast, fun and fabulously easy centers that would keep the students occupied, entertained and learning while we directed our guided reading groups. Our students needed more!

More choices, more fun, more independence, more challenges...

So, we surfed all the best teacher sites online - excited to see what else was out there. We were determined to find simple, easy-to-assemble centers. We found hundreds of center ideas, but none that were what **our kids** needed.

Frustrated and annoyed, we sat down together to decide what we would do about our center time dilemma. We decided to create our own centers! We wanted them to be creative, self-directed and most of all not "fluff"! We didn't want cute, busy-work centers. We wanted the kids to **learn**.

After some tears, some laughter and some total disasters... we have come up with these 25 centers. They are fool-proof. They work. They are what kids need to succeed, and hopefully what your kids are craving.

Happy reading!

Mrs. Mikesell and Ms. Dean ☺

# Weather Watcher

1. Find a window in the classroom and observe the weather outside.
2. Describe how the sky looks and predict what might happen.
3. Predict what the weather might be like tomorrow.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Today the sky looks...

I think the rest of today will be...

Tomorrow it might...

# Chef for a Day

1. Think about a food you would like to cook or bake.
2. Write a new recipe on a recipe card.
3. Don't forget to include:
  - a. Ingredients
  - b. Materials needed
  - c. Steps to make the recipe

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

My recipe is for...

You need these ingredients...

To make my recipe you...

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