

# CLASSROOM DESIGN TIPS FOR PRODUCTIVE LEARNING



"When we traded our stark white walls for a beautiful willow tree design, the result was dramatic. Children said they instantly felt more calm and grounded."

Christina Sandoval  
Mental Health Manager  
QueensCare.com

## Add Calming Colors

"Muted colors and lamps or natural light create a welcoming, positive environment for children."

Shantala Boss  
ShantalaBoss.com

Studies show that calming colors can lower children's blood pressure nearly 17%.



## Create Collaboration Spaces

"I specifically look for tables or groups of desks to promote classroom collaboration."

Kathryn Starke  
CreativeMindsPublications.com

Children who worked collaboratively increased their test scores by 11.8%.



## Provide Opportunities to Move

Giving students the option to bounce and turn as they are sitting in class can improve their ability to remain focused.

WorthingtonDirect.com

A 2005 study concluded that kids who are allowed to fidget during class learn more quickly than those who are not.



## Clear the Clutter

"Clutter is an example of 'over-stimulation', which can lead to difficulties concentrating, maladaptive behaviors, avoidance and anxiety."

Stephanie Butchart  
TheEllisMethod.com



## Incorporate Outdoor Space



"We always keep the doors open, and children are free to go to other classrooms or even outside during their learning time."

Alyson Gembala  
ChildhoodExplored.com

## Let the Light Shine In

"Classrooms with windows, particularly with views of some type of landscape have been linked to better performance on tests."

Mimi Shagaga  
DrMiniShagaga.com

25% improvement in test scores occurred in naturally lit environments.



## Utilize Technology

Students using iPads increased math test scores by 20% in one year.

Heart.net

