

third grade jobs

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I have jobs for each child. As with another writer, I have the jobs posted on a wide colorful sheet with two columns. Each job is written on a manila strip. There are some jobs that have two strips at different areas of the list so a child doesn't do it two weeks in a row (paper passers, librarians...) The children's names are each on a clothespin. These jobs are changed once a week by rotating the clothespins clockwise. This takes a minute on Friday afternoon to be ready for Monday. On Monday, I read the jobs off, A few that I have that have not been mentioned are Pledge, Caboose (last in line and gets to shut the lights off whenever we leave the room), Postmasters (put all returned papers and announcements/fliers in student mailboxes, pet feeders, ambassador (greets any visitors who come in -"Hi, welcome to our class, I'm-----" , and more. Good luck- I think jobs are important, and foster community, responsibility and a sense of belonging and ownership in a classroom. The kids love it and really look forward to changing jobs and looking forward to their 'favorite' jobs. Also, I have found that if I have too many jobs posted for the number of students I have, I just put a blank strip over some jobs for that year to make the right number for one job for each child. This way, I stopped making a new chart every year. Additionally, I found that letting the kids rotate the clips did not work for some reason. If someone did it wrong or skipped a box, all heck broke loose with everyone saying "I did that job last week, it was my turn to .." It just took me a minute and insured all was well every Monday morning! Good luck and have a great year- Third Grade is fantastic!!!!