

## Activity List for *Classroom Feng Shui*



1. Answers these questions with your group
  - a. Learning Environment Set Up
    - i. Will we have desks, round tables, or rectangular tables?
    - ii. How will the desks or tables be arranged?
    - iii. Where will the teacher sit?
    - iv. What type of technology do we need? Where will it be placed?
    - v. Will we have centers for reading, writing, experiments, etc.?
    - vi. What should hang on the walls? Who is responsible for decorating?
    - vii. Where will our classroom library be? What books should it contain?
    - viii. What additional resources should the classroom have? Where will they be placed?
  - b. Learning Environment Procedures and Rituals
    - i. How should students behave in class?
    - ii. What will they do when they walk into class?
    - iii. What procedures should we implement that will allow the teacher to teach and the class to learn?
    - iv. How will we communicate these procedures and rituals to students?
    - v. Do we have any ideas about how the period should be divided e.g. direct instruction, group work, and individual work?
2. Price and decide upon classroom furniture and supplies. Use the budget outline to record your "purchases."
  - a. <http://www.classroomfurniture.com/>
  - b. <http://www.schoolbox.com/>
  - c. <http://shop.scholastic.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/StoreCatalogDisplay?storeId=10001&catalogId=10002&langId=-1>
  - d. <http://www.beyondtheblackboard.com/>
  - e. <http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/home/home.jsp>
3. Price and decide upon the technology equipment and software you want.
  - a. <http://store.apple.com/Catalog/US/Images/routingpage.html>
  - b. <http://www.dell.com/content/default.aspx?c=us&cs=RC1084719&l=en&s=k12>
  - c. You should also schedule some time to talk with your building technology coordinator
4. Layout and design your shared learning environment.
5. Brainstorm a "Classroom Culture" list. (see sheet)
6. Brainstorm a list of no more than 10 procedures and rituals that will help you achieve your classroom culture goals
7. Plan how the cultural goals will be communicated (visually, verbally) and reinforced in the classroom. Use the sample "Corrective Action Plan" to design one you can use when a member of the class community does not follow a procedure.
8. Schedule a meeting with the teacher to discuss ideas for how the period can be divided