

Extension 2 Create a Co-Teaching Vision Board

This could be a fun way to spend an hour after school one day. Put on a pot of coffee or grab your beverage of choice, have some snacks, and dig in! You can work alone or with your co-teaching partner, or you can create an online version of your vision board together on Pinterest!

What is a vision board? A vision board (or inspiration board) is a visualization tool that you can use as inspiration; in this case, it should be a representation of your vision and dreams for your school year. The board should be a collage of pictures, words, quotes, and decoration that reminds you of your passion and purpose in educating the youngsters in your care.

Supplies:

Computer with Internet access and a color printer

Magazines and wall calendars (bring your own or ask the art teacher if he/she has any to spare)

Newspapers (if there are some handy)

Markers, paint pens, stenciling tools

Posterboard, foam board, cork board, or framed/stretched canvas

Glue sticks or rubber cement

Scissors and/or X-Acto knives

Straight pins or thumb tacks

Process:

1. Ensure you won't be disturbed. Put a "do not disturb" sign on the classroom door. Set your cell phone to silent.
2. Play some music to get you into the mood. You may want to play soothing music, or you may want to play something peppy and upbeat.
3. Think about what you want to manifest in your teaching. How do you want to feel? What do you want to impart? What kind of atmosphere do you want to create? You may want to write about these questions before you start creating the board itself.
4. Start looking for words and images that align with your vision. Cut them out.
5. Place the words and images on your board. Move them around and pin or tack them until you find the arrangement you want.
6. Glue the words and images down when you have settled on the arrangement you want. Decorate with markers, paint pens, etc. as you wish. You may want to write favorite words, phrases, or quotations on the board.
7. Display your finished board in your classroom if you wish.



This resource can be found at <http://resources.corwin.com/coteachersplaybook>

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