

# FLEXIBLE SEATING



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Which do you think of when you hear the words flexible seating?

# WHY SHOULD I TRY FLEXIBLE SEATING?

Think of where you read, plan or work on your projects best!

- Students learn to take responsibility for their own learning.
- It's good for their minds and bodies.
- Helps students who struggle with attention/focus.

"If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach them the way they learn." --Ignacio Estrada @educationtothecore



# WHERE DO I START?

- Be flexible!
- Not an all or nothing approach.
- Start with a little here and there.
- Do what works for you.
- Teach & reteach.
- Become best friends with the custodial staff!



# WHERE DO YOU GET THE "STUFF"?

- Start with what you already have.
  - Raise & lower desks.
  - Look around your classroom and home.
  - Have kids bring mats or towels from home.
- Mini Grants
- Donors Choose
  - [https://www.donorschoose.org/project/learning-while-getting-your-wiggles-out/2501068/?historical=true&utm\\_source=dc&utm\\_medium=tp&utm\\_campaign=facebook&utm\\_content=teacherphotosposted&rf=facebook-teacherconnect-2017-08-teacherphotosposted-teacher\\_3575668&challengeid=20762876](https://www.donorschoose.org/project/learning-while-getting-your-wiggles-out/2501068/?historical=true&utm_source=dc&utm_medium=tp&utm_campaign=facebook&utm_content=teacherphotosposted&rf=facebook-teacherconnect-2017-08-teacherphotosposted-teacher_3575668&challengeid=20762876)
- Garage Sale Sites
- Thrift Stores



"I CAN TOTALLY USE THAT ORANGE CHAIR!!!"



# BUT HOW WILL THEY KNOW WHERE TO SIT??

OR...HOW TO AVOID MUSICAL CHAIRS!

- Choose every afternoon for the next day
  - Choice chart
- Keep it organic
  - Kids choose as they arrive each day
- Change daily
- Change throughout the day
- Static spot for instruction, flexible spot for working



# SO MUCH INFO! SO MANY QUESTIONS! SO. MANY. SEATS!

- Don't panic!
- This is not an overnight process.
- YOU decide what works for YOU!
- Hey look....LINKS!



# ARTICLES ABOUT FLEXIBLE SEATING

- The Journal

[https://thejournal.com/Articles/2017/07/05/Designing-Learner-Centered-Spaces.aspx?utm\\_content=buffer7d020&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer&m=1&Page=1](https://thejournal.com/Articles/2017/07/05/Designing-Learner-Centered-Spaces.aspx?utm_content=buffer7d020&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer&m=1&Page=1)

- Edutopia

<https://www.edutopia.org/practice/flexible-classrooms-providing-learning-environment-kids-need>

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/no-grade-is-too-early-flexible-seating-john-s-thomas>

- Edsurge

<https://www.edsurge.com/news/2015-10-01-why-the-21st-century-classroom-may-remind-you-of-starbucks>

# MORE FLEXIBLE SEATING INFO

## Flexible Seating FAQs

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uTnsk1pjSb4j081WNo2z0h1CeEXf0l1U-h\\_auTi5Y0s/mobilebasic](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uTnsk1pjSb4j081WNo2z0h1CeEXf0l1U-h_auTi5Y0s/mobilebasic)

## Examples of Flexible Seating Options

<http://kindergartenisgrreat.blogspot.com/2016/02/18-flexible-seating-ideas-for-your.html?m=1>

## Rules Video

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=osMQj5-IK4&feature=share>

This is kind of cheesy, but it gave me something to show the kids, pause, and then talk about how each one works in our class.



# FLEXIBLE SEATING TPT

- Teacher Information Guide

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Flexible-Seating-FREEBIE-3260548>

- Editable Parent Letter

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/EDITABLE-FREEBIE-Flexible-Seating-Letter-2494335>

- Rules & Expectations

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Flexible-Seating-Rules-3099405>

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/EDITABLE-Flexible-Seating-Expectations-FREEBIE-3345787>

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Flexible-Seating-Rules-3312282>

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Flexible-Seating-Editable-Rules-3280257>

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Flexible-Seating-Anchor-Charts-Editable-3308266>

- Brag Tags

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Brag-Tags-Flexible-Seating-2466466>

# WHAT FLEXIBLE SEATING LOOKS LIKE IN OUR ROOMS...





At the end of the day, students use these clip charts with the teacher to choose where they will sit to start their day tomorrow.







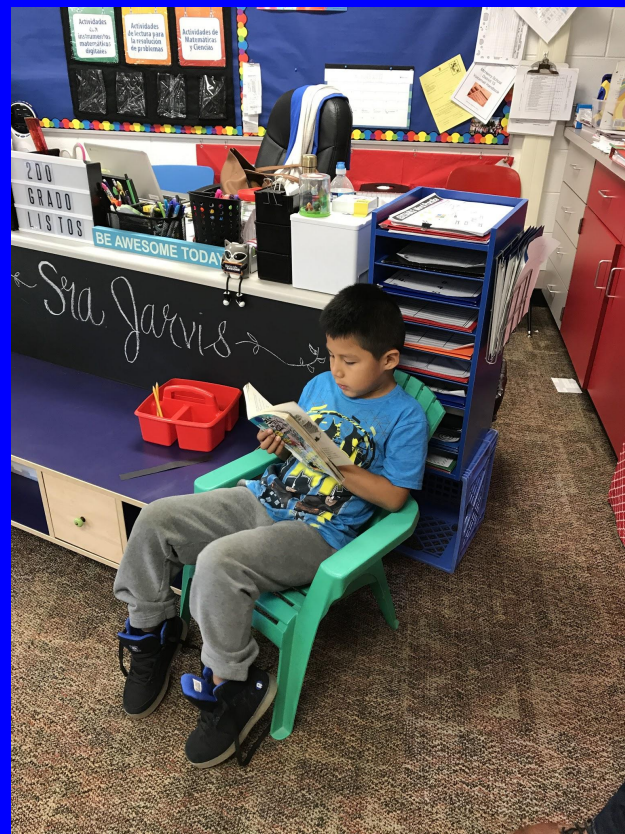
## Options for Storing Student Supplies







I read  
best  
when I'm  
comfy...  
don't  
you?





## Garage Sale Sites & Thrift Stores

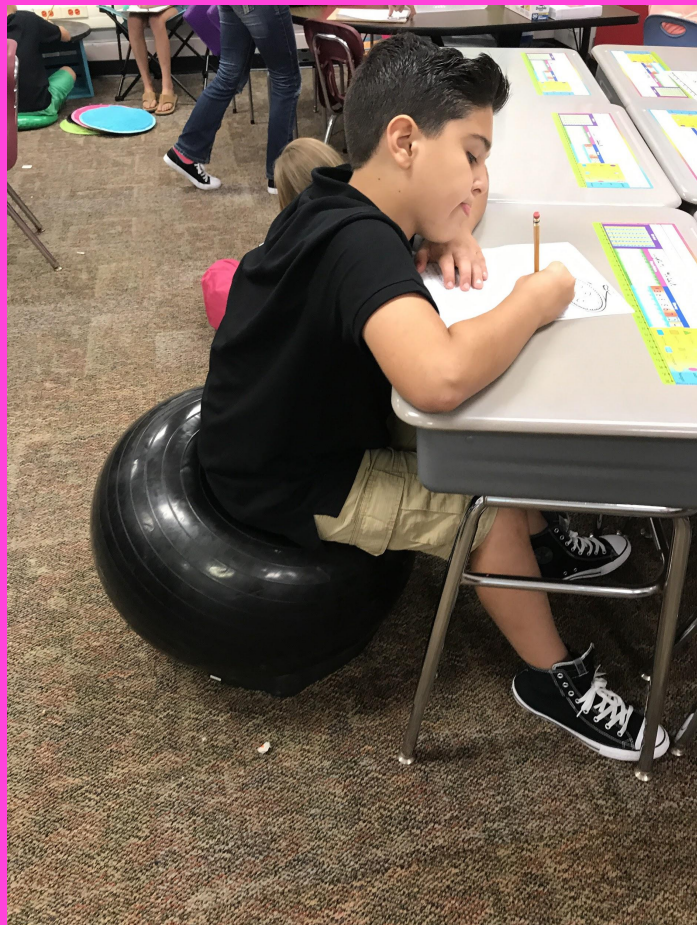




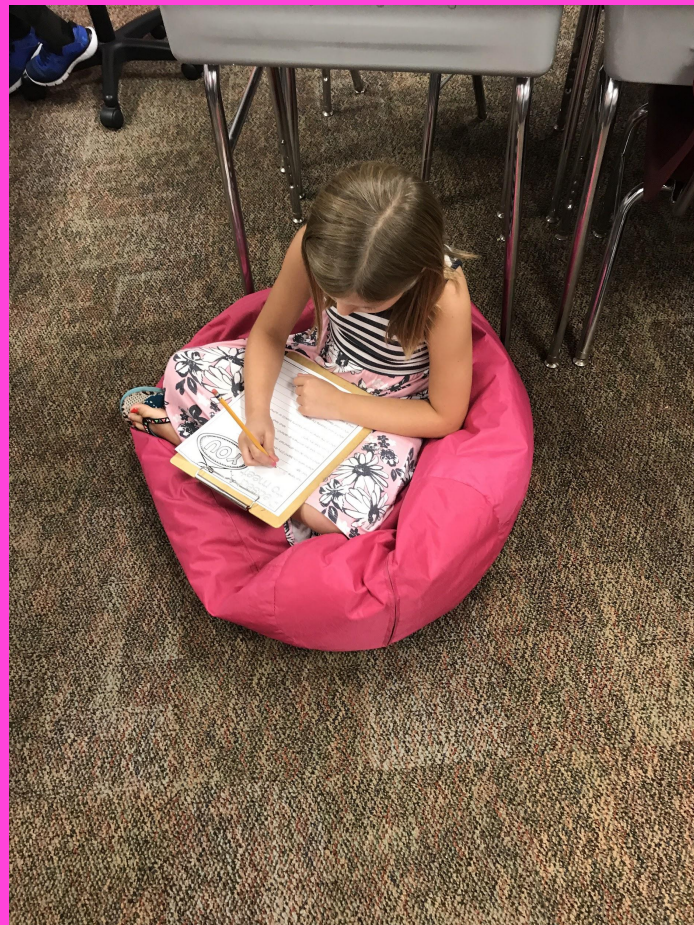
# Donations & Garage Sales



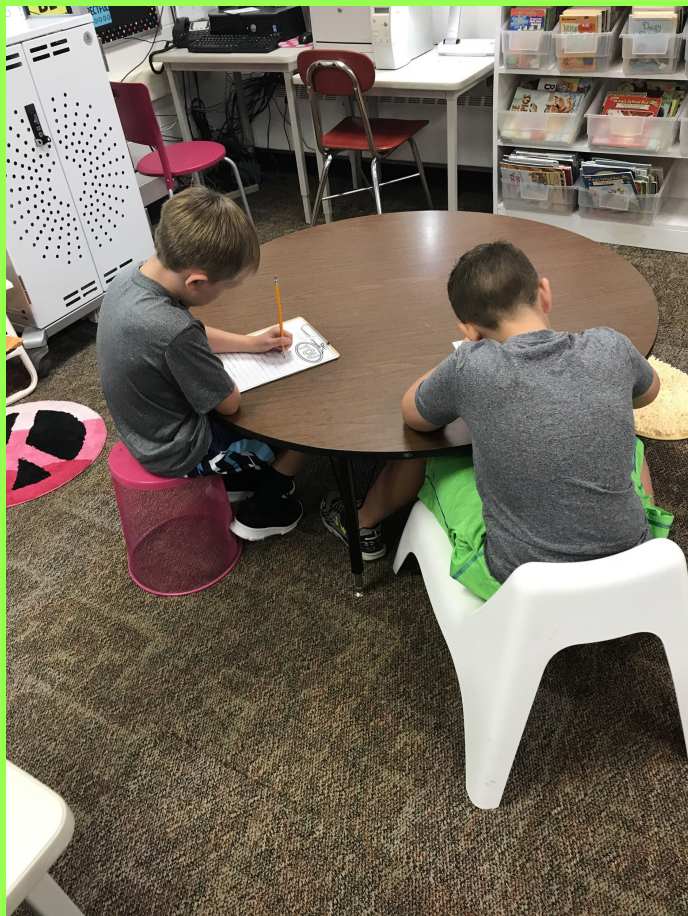




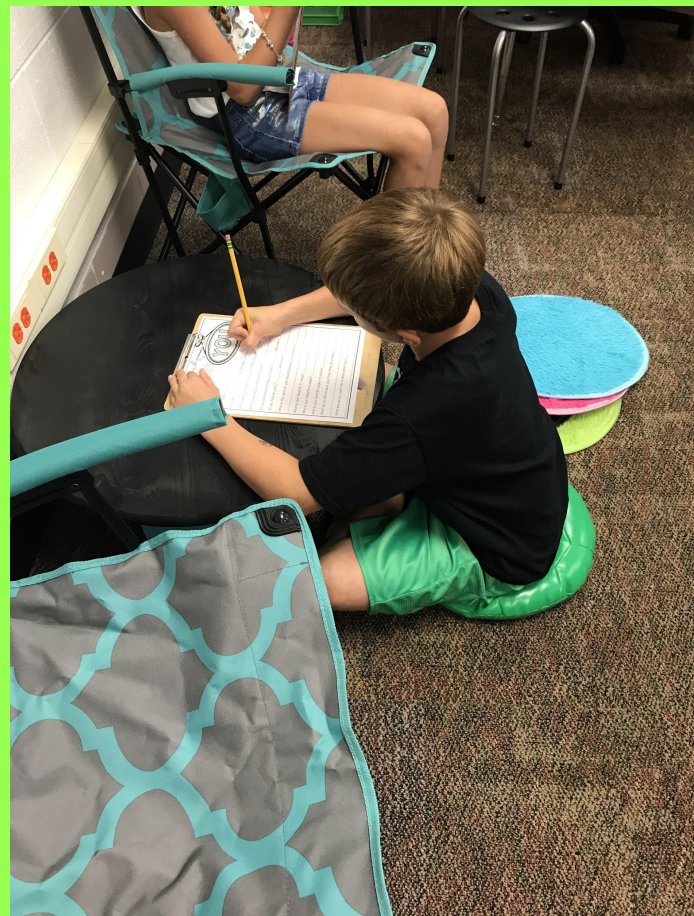
## Balance Balls & Bean Bag Chairs



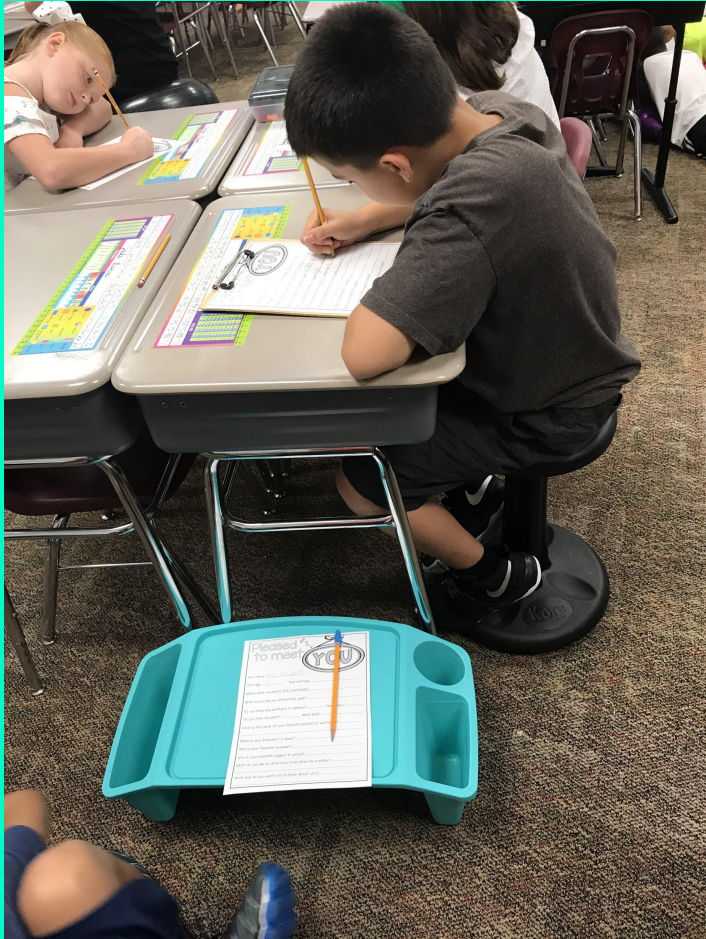




Homemade  
Sitting  
Table  
& Turned  
Over  
Garbage  
Can







## Wobble Chair

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00K6HQ2EU/ref=oh\\_aui\\_detailpage\\_o08\\_s01?ie=UTF8&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00K6HQ2EU/ref=oh_aui_detailpage_o08_s01?ie=UTF8&psc=1)

## & Camp Chair





Thanks for taking a peek at our flexible seating classrooms.

