

## Classroom Environment Checklist

Review your classroom environment using this checklist. Decide what is working and what you would like to improve. Put stars by 5 things (total) that you will do in the next two weeks.

Relationships and Interactions	Needs improvement? Y/N	Ideas for improvement (Things to add, things to eliminate)
Are there spaces for small groups to meet? (Teacher guided groups as well as peer groups)		
Is there ample space for the whole group to meet? Can children sit in a circle? Can students move within this space?		
Does traffic flow well? Are there bottlenecks?		
Can the children see you; can you see the children? Are there blind spots?		
Balance	Needs improvement? Y/N	Ideas for improvement (Things to add, things to eliminate)
Who "owns" this classroom? Is there balance between teachers' needs and children's needs?		
What is on the walls and why? Does it extend learning? Are the children and their		

families represented?		
What does the room look like from the doorway, and from being seated in each child's desk?		
Where is the teacher's desk? Why is it placed there?		
<b>Independence</b>	<b>Needs improvement?</b>  Y/N	<b>Ideas for improvement</b> (Things to add, things to eliminate)
Have you tried to eliminate as many potential distractions as you can anticipate?		
Are frequently used materials accessible?		
Is there a quiet, comfortable space for one or two students?		
Is there space for discovery and creativity?		
Is there storage for personal items for children and teachers?		

What other environmental adaptations might you consider to further support interactions, balance and independence in learning? \_\_\_\_\_

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