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Learning Centers

	Name of learning center	Objectives of the learning center	Impact to students
1.	My garden	To teach students about plant life cycle, and how to grow vegetables and herbs at home.	Students learnt about plant life cycles and how to begin that life cycle, how to plant seeds at home.
2.	Alphabet corner	To teach students the lower case and upper case letters of the English alphabet.	Students learn to recognise the letter pairs of the English alphabet in a fun way.
3.	Action songs	To teach students English nursery rhymes and action songs.	Students learnt new words and expressions in a fun way.

1. My garden

I teach first graders. They are 6 years old. I believe they have never planted anything before. They were all very excited to participate. First I showed them how to prepare the soil and how to firm it with hands. Then I showed them how to make small holes in the soil with a finger. I handed out basil seeds and showed them how to plant the seeds in the holes. Then I covered the planted seeds with soil too. We watered the seeds in the soil and then let them rest.

I teach 100 first graders in three classes. I showed them each step in three groups, and explained them simply what we do and why we do it. Then I let them do each step. They all planted their seeds. They know now more about plant life cycles and how to plant seeds at home in the garden.

Step 1. – Preparing the soil



Step 2. – Firming the soil



Step 3. – Making small holes in the soil



Step 4. – Handing out basil seeds



Step 5. – Planting



Step 6. – Covering the seeds



Step 7. – Watering



Step 8. – Resting

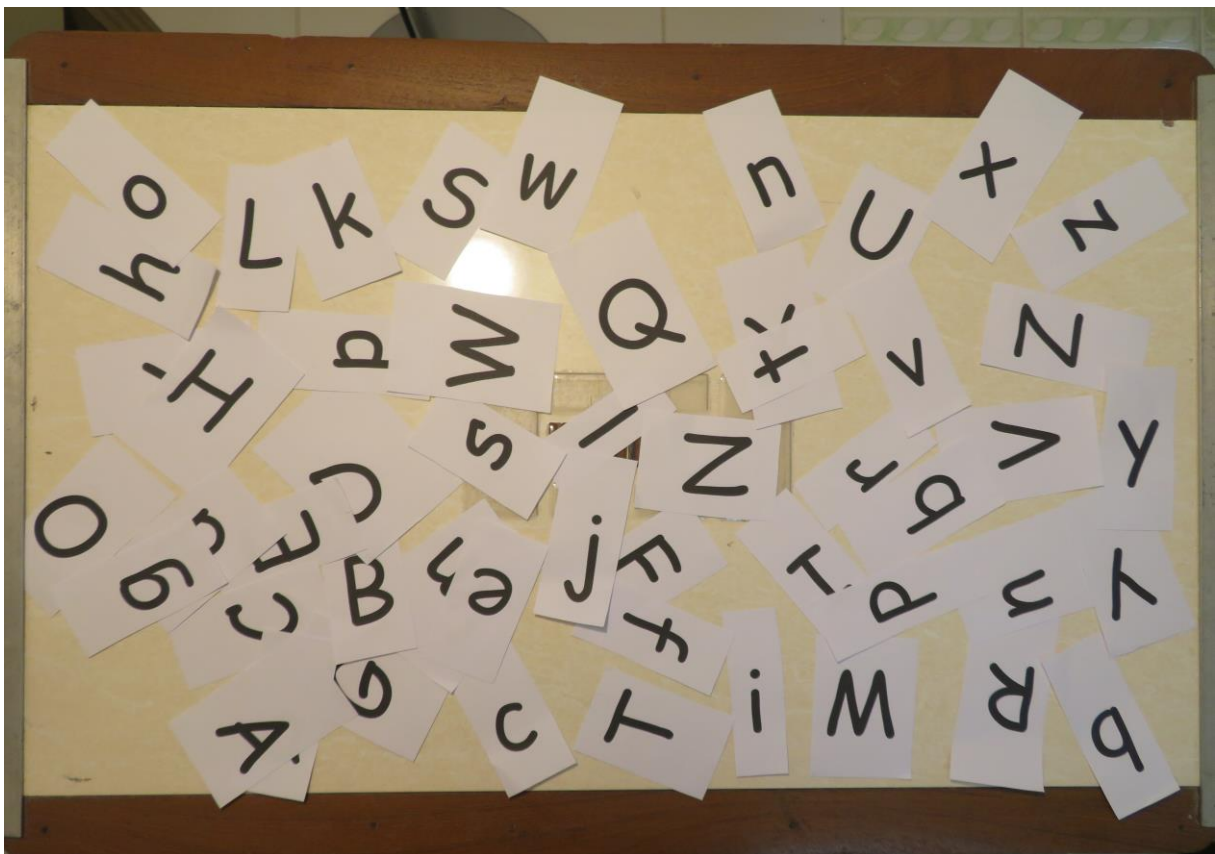


2. Alphabet corner

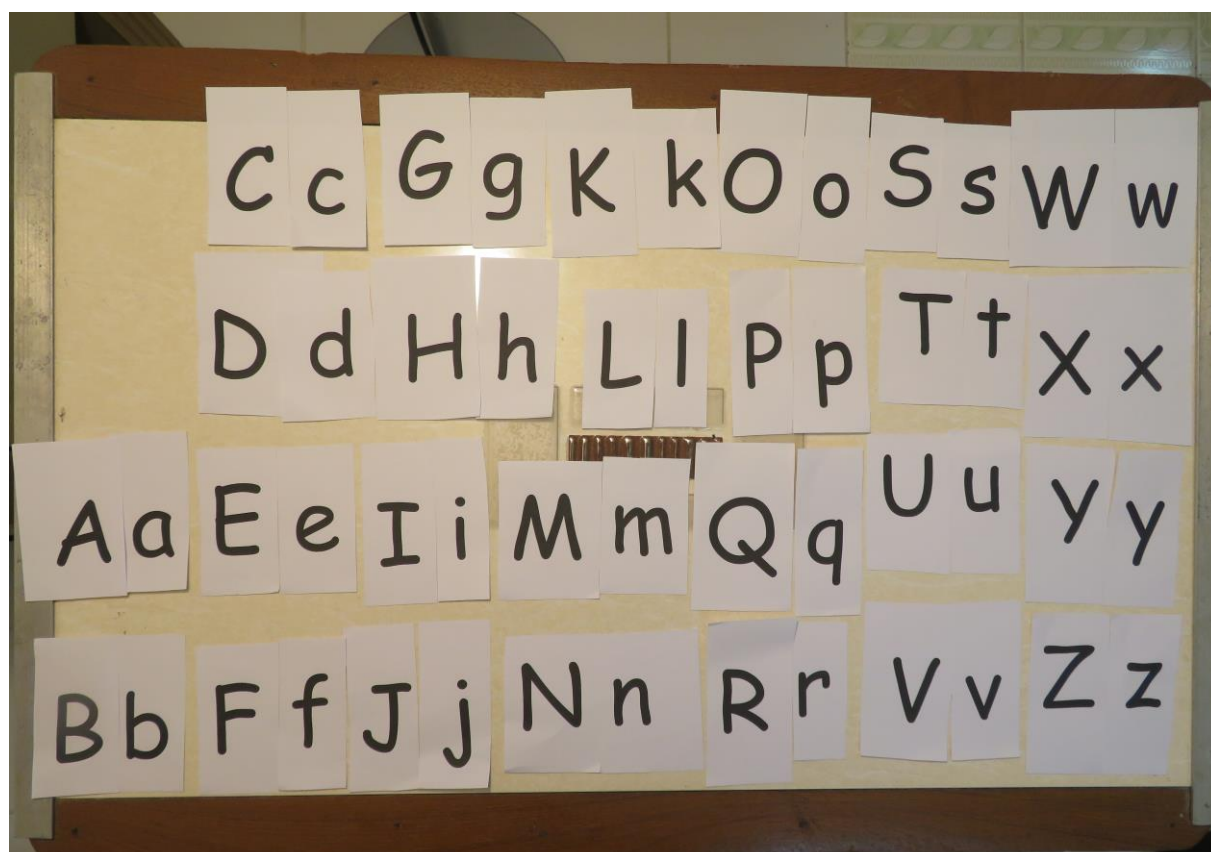
Some of my 6-year-old students still have difficulty recognising letters. Alphabet corner is my idea for helping them practice in letter recognition in a fun way. The great thing about this learning center is that several students can do this activity at the same time, or even just one.

All the upper case and lower case letters of the English alphabet are on the desk. Students have to find the letter pairs. They can compete against time, or they can compete against each other. As a result of this learning center students will be better able to recognise letters.

Before



After



3. Action songs

I teach first graders. They are 6 years old. I believe one of the best ways to teach them new words and expressions is with action songs. This way they can learn in a fun way. I use action songs as a warmer at the beginning of the class. We regularly increase the repertoire throughout the year. For each song we have TPR that reflect the lyrics of the song, so students learn what each sentence or expression means. They are very excited to participate, as the video linked below demonstrates. The impact is that students increase their vocabulary without making any effort.

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