

The image features a light beige, textured rectangular note pinned to a green background with two silver pushpins at the top corners. In the center of the note is a large red oval with a white border. Inside the oval, the word "Pinterest" is written in a white, cursive script font.

Pinterest

What is Pinterest?

Pinterest is a social media site that allows users to create and share virtual bulletin boards, or pinboards.



Some Terms To Know

Pin – an image added to a pinboard. A pin can be “pinned” from a website using the “Pin It” button or uploaded from images on a computer.

“Pin It” Button – lets you easily grab content from the web to add to your boards.

Board – where you collect and categorize pins (images, videos, etc.).

RePin – adding a pin from someone else’s board to one of your boards.

A Few Helpful Tips

- ❑ The key to Pinterest is in the visuals. Adding text to an image or a description in the comment section helps others identify the topic or understand what they will find if they click on the image.
- ❑ Although quirky names may seem fun and creative, name your boards with keywords and terms that people will use when they search.
- ❑ Be careful what you pin. Many photographs and images are protected by copyright, and some websites post notices prohibiting pinning of their content to Pinterest.

Pinterest Addiction

If you find yourself quickly addicted to Pinterest, search out a local support group (there's probably a board for that) and get some help...or just keep pinning! It's free, fun, and your pins and boards may help other educators, students, and parents.

Pinsomnia

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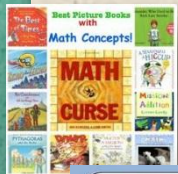
the inability to get enough sleep
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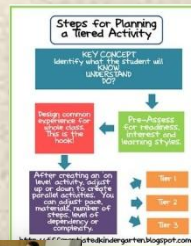
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Pinterest for Educators

While Pinterest provides a lot of “eye candy”, there are specific ways educators and schools can use Pinterest professionally.



Pinterest
in the
Classroom



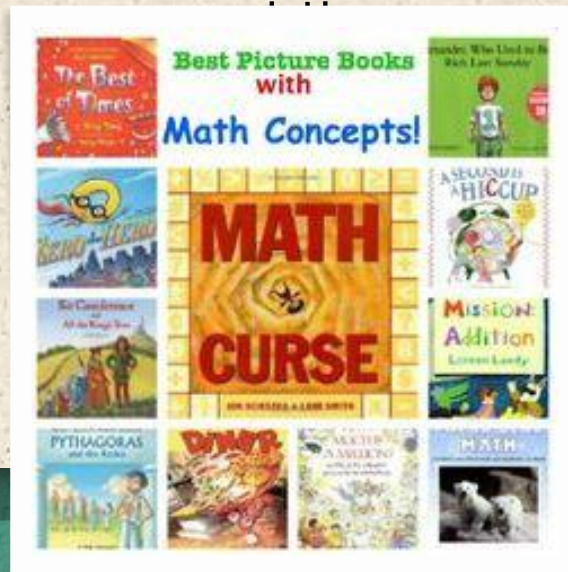
Ideas for Decorating and Setting Up Classrooms

Looking to liven up your classroom? There are tons of photos on Pinterest of great classroom setups from Kindergarten through high school. Use them for ideas and inspiration for your own decorating.



Keeping Ideas and Websites Accessible

Do you find yourself jotting down ideas or bookmarking websites and then forgetting about them? Pinterest can help you keep your ideas and websites organized and easy to find when you



Classroom Bulletin Board Creations

A great bulletin board can provide a space for students to see their accomplishments, share information, add character to your classroom, or maybe even a combination of all three.



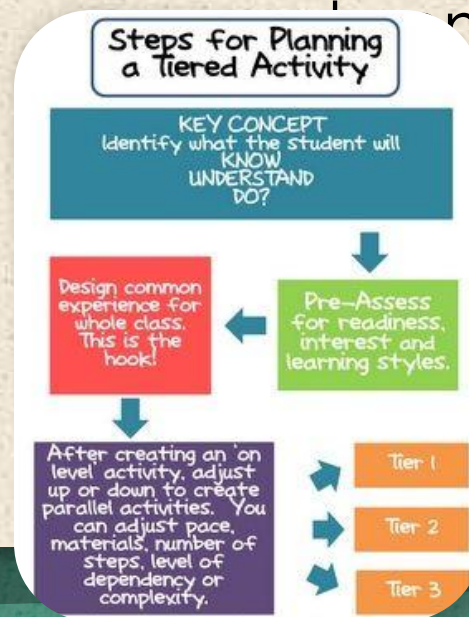
Organizing Your Classroom

Is your classroom lacking organization? Do you wish there was a place for everything and everything was in its place? Search through pins for some creative ways to keep your classroom neat and tidy.



Find and Share Lesson Plans

Pinterest is full of lesson plans that you can use and adapt to fit the needs of your students. You can also show off your own great ideas by pinning photos and comments.



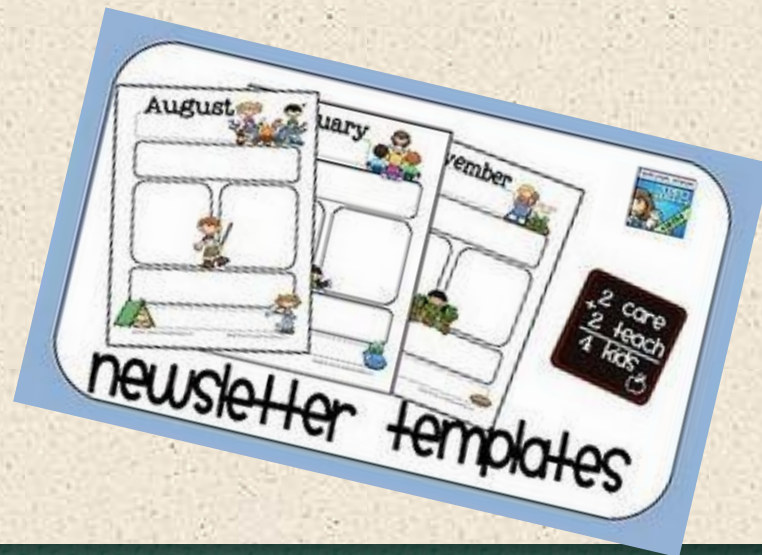
Take Virtual Field Trips

Let your students travel and explore the world when you find creative, online field trips on Pinterest. You can also build your own custom field trips.



Find Printables for All Occasions

If you're looking for lessons, games, charts, posters, templates, etc., you'll find a huge selection of great printables on Pinterest.



Amazing Experiments for Science

Search Pinterest for some great ideas that can assist in bringing science to life for your students.



Create Hands-On Learning Experiences

There are boards and more boards, and even more boards with tons of pins related to hands-on projects that will keep your students engaged in the learning process.



Create Your Own Board

- ❑ Create a wish list of books for an upcoming book fair.
- ❑ Feature your favorite websites or tech tools.
- ❑ Pin images of all the books on your class or grade level reading list.
- ❑ Pin student projects on a class board.
- ❑ Fill a board with great quotes or motivational messages.
- ❑ Post pictures of current or previous students, putting a spotlight on their accomplishments.
- ❑ Create grade level or department boards, content strategy boards, or a career interest board.

Some Great Pinner to Follow

- ❑ [Vicki Davis](#) – best known as the “Cool Cat Teacher”
- ❑ [Eric Sheninger](#) – Digital Principal Award winner
- ❑ [Karen Steff](#) – Ontario Ministry of Education
- ❑ [Debbie Fucoloro](#) – Technology Coordinator
- ❑ [Shelly Terrell](#) – an education thought provoker
- ❑ [Terry Heick](#) – director of TeachThought.com
- ❑ [Kathy Schrock](#) – Educational Technologist
- ❑ [Ted Ed](#) – online library of educational videos
- ❑ [Education World](#) – largest free, independent resource on the Web for educators

So Now What?

It's time to get started! Go to www.pinterest.com and create an account. If you need help, check out [Pinterest Basics](#) for step by step instructions.



*Get out there, explore, search, create,
pin, learn, share, and have fun in the
wonderful world of*

