

Here are some fun ideas on how to get the most out of your Pirates Bulletin Board (CD-110133).



Other ideas!

- Story ideas: 'Lost on a desert island', 'Shipwrecked', 'The Pirates Parrot', 'Search for the lost treasure'
- List the uses for ships and study them through history.
- Study modern day Pirates off the coast of Africa.

Classroom Management

Crew Applications: Create a crew application for students to fill out on their first day. The application should have questions about student's likes and dislikes so that you can get to know them. After all of the applications have been collected, read some of the likes and dislikes from each application aloud to the class. Have students try to guess who each application belongs to. This will give students a chance to get to know one another.

Code of Conduct: Each crew of pirates has its own rules and a code of conduct. Have students work together to brainstorm rules for their crew's code of conduct. Write each rule on a gold coin. Display the rules around the Pirates Bulletin Board.

Language Arts

Trip Journal: Have each student choose a destination. Each student should re-search their destination and write a journal pretending that they are travelling to their destination. The trip should last one week. They should write about the weather, the food, the sights, how they traveled to their destination etc. Display the journals around the Pirates Bulletin Board.

Student Treasures: Inspire creative writing. Have students write about being on an island and finding a treasure chest. What is in the treasure chest? What will they do with what they find? Display students writing around Pirates Bulletin Board.



Numeracy

Pirate Sayings Graph: Use the Pirates Bulletin Board to create a class graph about students' favourite sayings. Display five different pirate sayings such as "Arrrrrr, shiver me timbers" and "Ahoy Me Hearties!". Have students write their name next to their favourite saying then have students count the results and draw a graph to determine which is the overall favourite.

Crafts/Games

Nautical Flags: Give each student a sheet of construction paper. Supply crayons, markers, paint, stickers, glitter etc so that students can decorate their own nautical flags. Tell students that each boat on the water has nautical flags that are used to signal other ships. The flags can tell other ships what country the ship is from or if it needs help. Tell students that their flags should incorporate some things that would tell other ships about them. They could include their favourite colours, favourite shapes etc.

Rubbish or Treasure?: Encourage students to clean up the classroom with this fun game. Divide the class into two teams. Purposefully place something ("treasure") in the classroom that is out of place, such as a book from the reading area. Have students tidy up the room, put things back where they belong etc. When the room is clean, tell students what the treasure piece was and which team put it back in its place, cleaned it up etc. Award the team who replaced the treasure with a point. Reward the team with the most points at the end of the week.

Find the treasure?: Write one clue on a gold coin each day. Build on the clues each day and see if students can figure out where the treasure hidden.

Other ideas!

- Study infamous pirates such as Blackbeard, Captain Jack Sparrow etc
- Pirate dress-up day
- Investigate the Bermuda Triangle
- Study the history of coins
- Use the coins to track group achievements
- Study mythical creatures like mermaids, sirens etc

