


Making the Most of Math Stations

1. Think about room arrangement, resources available, and activities or stations you've already used. Rearrange your room if necessary for easy flow of students and materials.
2. Develop or share a classroom management plan that will help you and your grade-level team, or school provide extrinsic motivation. MODEL-PRACTICE-REWARD everything you want to occur before, during, and after Math Stations.
3. Assign partners for the Whole-Group Mini-Lesson. Have students discuss with a partner during the whole-group lessons and be ready to share what their partner said.
4. Divide your class into 4 heterogeneously-mixed teams who will work well together. Assign partners within teams so that each student is responsible for assisting fellow teammate and keeping them on task and positive.
5. Determine who has a positive influence in your class. Appoint these students as the Leaders and Co-Leaders. Assign the remaining Team Roles based on the student's interest and learning style.
6. Start gathering Anchoring Activities and assign a Master of the Task for each one.
7. Create leader folders, passports, checks for understanding, on-going assessments, and summative assessments for the unit. Keep them as simple as you can if this is your first time to use math stations.
8. Make or access videos of station games and activities to serve as illustrations of "what to do." Subscribe to the Glenna Tabor YouTube Channel.
9. Begin holding Leadership Academy after the Whole-Group Mini-Lessons for the Games Station and the Manipulatives Station have occurred. Intensely train student leaders and co-leaders. Model appropriate behavior, set standards, teach them to use leadership folders, and practice effective questioning techniques.
10. Schedule the use of resource teachers and volunteers to help facilitate the stations if at all possible.
11. Visualize **everything** which will occur during a week or unit. Have your class practice all elements of the week: moving into groups, stations, anchoring activities, exit questions, and transitions.
12. Visit glennatabor.com for resources. Glenna's blog contains information and pictures about how to create all the components needed for success in stations. Subscribe to the **Glenna Tabor YouTube Channel** for videos of games & activities on her website.
13. Join  the Basic Membership is FREE. Download dynamic activities and games. **Plus, you might win a \$50 AMAZON card!!!**
14. Celebrate! You're doing great!

