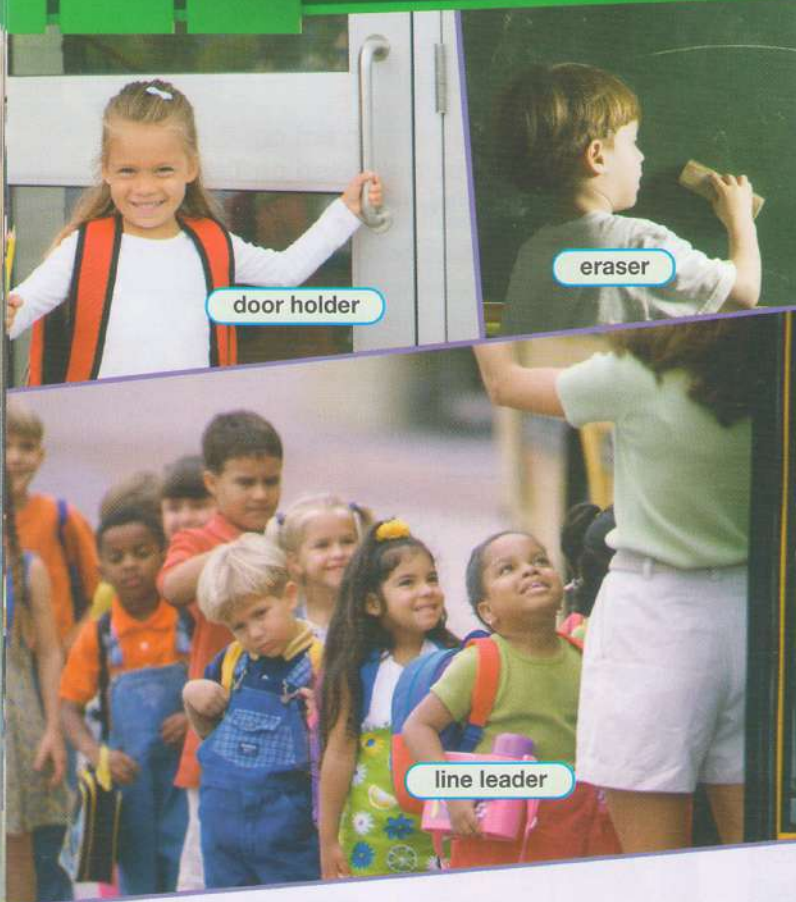


14 Classroom Management: Methods 1



The Classroom Job Rotation

In order to encourage participation, students will **take turns** performing jobs. Each student will perform an assigned **job** for one week. The following week, the student will perform the next job in the **rotation**. In this way, students fulfill several different **active roles** in the classroom. This system **reduces** behavioral problems. Students feel like valued members of the class.

Students will take turns performing all the following jobs:

The **line leader** stands at the front of the line and serves as a leader. The **eraser** erases the blackboard after each class. The **door holder** props the door open for other students as they enter or exit a room. The **sweeper** sweeps the floor at the end of each day. The role of the **caretaker involves** caring for the class rabbit (under the teacher's supervision). The paper handler serves as the teacher's **helper** by passing out papers to the students. Finally, the **nurse buddy** accompanies other students to the nurse's office as needed.

A schedule of jobs will be posted on the bulletin board at the front of the classroom. This way, students are reminded of their current and upcoming **responsibilities**.

Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some classroom jobs for students?
- 2 Why might a teacher assign classroom jobs?

Reading

2 Read the handout. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 ___ Students perform each job in the rotation for two weeks.
- 2 ___ Students take turns being the line leader.
- 3 ___ The student caring for the class pet will be supervised.

Vocabulary

3 Read the sentence pairs. Choose which word best fits each blank.

1 line leader / sweeper

- A The _____ cleans the floor.
B The _____ leaves the room first.

2 paper handler / caretaker

- A The _____ waters the plant.
B The _____ passes out worksheets.

3 door holder / active role

- A The job of the _____ is very important.
B Each student takes a(n) _____ in the classroom.

4 helper / rotation

- A The student will perform the next job in the _____.
B The paper handler is the teacher's _____.

5 involves / reduces

- A The job rotation system _____ problem behaviors.
B Being the nurse buddy _____ walking sick students to the office.