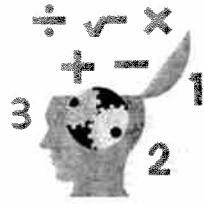


Top Ten Kim Sutton Block Ten Management Tips

10. Many of Kim's activities and games use dice. In order to quiet your dice and help students with self-discipline at the same time, purchase those foam rectangles you can find at Wal-Mart or any craft store. Students roll the dice on the foam rectangle, this helps quiet the dice and also extends the life of the double dice. To help with self-discipline, my rule is that if the dice go off foam rectangle you lose your turn.
9. Many of Kim's activities require the use of transparent chips. Have students donate empty mint containers such as Altoids for individual storage of these chips.
8. Kim's Number Line Petite requires a lot of colors you will not find in a standard set of markers students bring for their supplies. Take advantage of the school supplies sales at the beginning of the year and invest in several of the Bold and Pastel Crayola Markers as well as highlighters for the neon colors.
7. Kim's number line is an on going interactive activity. To help with the yearly management of this, laminate the classroom number line as well as the colored dots before use. Purchase strips of Velcro and place them above all of the numbers that will have colored dots above them. Then place Velcro on each of the colored dots. This way you can build your number line each year with your students.
6. Kim's Number Line also uses gold star stickers for the 12's. Use a yellow star die cut instead. For the kids' Number Line Petite, purchase yellow star stickers. This makes it fun as well easy for kids to see and manage, especially the younger ones.
5. Upload all of Kim's songs and Random Number CD to an iPod Nano and dock. You can put in for a grant or use grade level funds for this. This is a quick and easy way to manage the music part of this program. You can even create a playlist for each week of the 10 Block Program so you are ready to go each day and don't have to fumble through CD's.



4. Kim's Ten Block Fact Fluency program has each day's lesson written out for you in the front of the manual. You can photocopy these on sticker labels and just peel and stick them into your plan book.

3. Scan all game boards, data sheets and song lyrics into your Smart Notebook software. Use the Gallery to add interactive dice, spinners, transparent chips, etc. to the game boards and data sheets. Consider organizing them into folders. Start with a "Kim Sutton 10 Block Fact Fluency" folder. Within that folder, have individual folders with the game boards, data sheets and song lyrics for each of the weekly strategies. This will make it easy to find when you are getting ready to teach a particular lesson. This will take some time to build the first year, but after that you will be good to go!

2. Have students keep a "math toolkit" in their desk or cubby. This could be a baggie or school box full of the supplies that are used on a regular basis with this program (dice, transparent chips, magic fingers, paper clips for spinners, Expo Markers and erasers etc.). This will cut down on the time spent passing out the supplies.

1. Kim's 10 Block Fact Fluency program has game boards and data sheets that are used more than one lesson. To cut down on copy expenses and time spent passing out papers, laminate and 3-hole punch these game boards and data sheets. Purchase a class set of 3 ring binders (generally on sale at the beginning of the school year, this will be a one time purchase). Have students bring in a thin Expo Marker and some type of eraser (they can purchase an eraser or bring in an old sock or piece of cloth) to write on the laminated sheets. Number each binder and assign each student a number. Keep the laminated game boards and data sheets in these binders. Students can keep them in their desks or cubbies and pull them out when they need them for a lesson, or you may have them pull out a data sheet and dice for some quick fact practice during some of those times when you only have a couple of minutes before the next activity. The first year of this program time will be spent building these binders with the students, but each year after that they will be ready to go!