# Early Learning Classroom—Kindergarten

**The Need for Kindergarten Classrooms**

As students grow out of their early learning experiences and into elementary school, their classrooms need to grow with them. Low shelving lets kindergarteners easily reach items and supplies. Collaborative tables provide plenty of space for children to work individually or in groups and comfortable seating options help children maintain focus throughout the school day.

**Requirements for a Great Kindergarten Classroom**

For **students**, the kindergarten classroom should help prepare children for elementary school by offering students the opportunity to collaborate or work together in groups at various learning stations. Each station should feature a storage area to make it simple for early learners to find the toys, manipulatives or project supplies they prefer. Furnishings should be appropriately sized for early-learners, so they stay comfortable throughout the day.

For **teachers,** the kindergarten classroom should feature furnishings with a low profile, to ensure all children can be seen at all times, no matter where they are in the room. Teachers should be able to easily move between stations as they observe children or oversee lessons and activities. Shelving, carts and locking storage units keep classroom materials organized and out of reach.

For **administrators,** the best kindergarten classroom will be furnished with items that help achieve the vision for that space. They need to know that all products are available at the time they are needed and that their order will arrive correctly and on time. Installations must be quick and efficient.

**Kindergarten Classroom Solutions from School Outfitters**

School Outfitters research and development team designed a kindergarten classroom with furnishings that encourage students to participate in activities that prepare them for elementary school. The**Large Group Activity Area**, **Breakout Stations Area, Gathering Area** and **Storage Area** are designed to work together to create a stimulating environment that's perfect for early learners.

The **Large Group Activity Area** makes it easy for students to arrange themselves in ways that help them to interact with each other during group projects and activities. Furnishings in these stations include:

- **Flexible school chairs**
- **Collaborative tables**
- **Bin storage**

**Flexible school chairs** are constructed from durable, reinforced plastic that supports students as they lean back. The smooth, anti-static seats don''t require a metal backrest, which means students won''t snag hair or clothing on exposed rivets. The lightweight design makes it easy for students to pick them up and move them around the room.

**Collaborative tables** can be used individually for small group work or arranged in pods to accommodate larger projects. Laminate desktops easily wipe clean so they're sure to look great for years.

**Bin storage** organizes classroom supplies project components. Bins can be completely removed from the unit for use at workstations.

The **Breakout Stations Area** is comprised of a variety of stations where students can participate in activities or games that focus on subjects such as reading, STEM and art. This area includes:

- **Reading station (bookstand, soft seating, rug)**
- **STEM station (STEM table, stools)**
- **Art station (easels, stools, art supply storage, drying rack)**

The **reading station** provides children with a place to read individually or with a small group. A kid-sized **bookstand** makes reading material easily accessible, and **soft seating** offers a comfortable place for children to relax with their books. A colorful **rug** brightens up the area and doubles as additional seating space for students who prefer to sit on the floor.

The **STEM station** allows children to experiment with hands-on STEM projects or engage in sensory play. **STEM table** is perfect for early learning science or robotics projects, and **stools** keep children comfortable as they work.

The **art station** gives children a place to explore creativity through the arts. **Easels** keep messes contained as children work with paints or markers. **Stools** offer sturdy and comfortable seating, and the backless design accommodates a variety of seating postures. **Art supply storage** ensures craft supplies are easy to find and access and a **drying rack** houses completed projects until they are ready for students to take home.

The **Gathering Area** acts as a meeting place for full class activities or teacher-led lessons. It includes:

- **Classroom rug**
- **Magnetic easel**
- **Cubby storage with bins**

The **classroom rug** gives children a cozy and comfortable place to seat as they participate in games, activities or listen to a story.

A **magnetic easel** offers teachers a place to prop open storybooks or display student artwork and assignments

**Cubby storage with bins** organizes classroom supplies, project components or toys.

A dedicated **Storage Area** ensures that classroom supplies and student belongings stay organized and easy to find. This area includes:

- **Lockable cabinet**
- **Lockers**

A **lockable storage cabinet** secures materials that may require teacher supervision. Locking items away also reduces distractions by keeping supplies and projects out of view. Teachers may also opt to use this cabinet for securing personal belongings.

**Lockers** give children a place to store personal belongings like a jacket or bookbag, while class is in session.

**Choosing Your Kindergarten Classroom Solution**

School Outfitters makes it simple to outfit a classroom tailored specifically for kindergarten. Choose the option that best fits your budget and needs, and with just one click, you get an itemized quote for this classroom, including all three of our specially-designed stations. Our helpful representatives are happy to answer any questions about our stations and how you can put them to use in your kindergarten classroom. Just give us a call 1-800-260-2776.