

How To Create An Inviting Atmosphere

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- ♦ Students and children are responding to their environment.
- ♦ Atmosphere can make the students or children feel safe and valued and welcomed.
- ♦ The environment can be part of the learning experience.
 - The colors in the room
 - Lighting (secondary as opposed to florescent)
 - Smells
 - Posters on the wall aren't enough
 - Don't get stuck in a style (coffee house, 50's, change it up every year)
- ♦ Think 360 degree. The eye can travel all around the room, not just one spot where something is going on.
- ♦ Word of Life lesson modules can give help with this.
- ♦ Create a focal point in the room. Where do your eyes go when you walk in the room?
- ♦ Change your room and mix it up several times a year.
- ♦ Go the extra step and put food in a bowl.
- ♦ Consider music that they would like, not what you would like.
- ♦ Think of yourself as a host of a party! Mingle, talk and involve others.

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