

## Tiered Activities for Learning Centers

By Dr. Karen Meador

With the busy schedules that teachers have today Tiered Activities for Learning Center, would be a welcomed addition in any differentiated classroom. Her book provides 12 tiered learning centers for studentS in grades K-5 and is written in a clear and concise manner and the lessons are ready to go!

Dr. Meador explains that one needs to think of Tiered Activities for Learning Centers as a centers' cookbook in which you may use the original recipes and then modify the ingredients based on individual taste. Her model of the vertical classroom emphasizes the need for differentiating in the classroom so that all students have their needs met.

Dr. Meador states the reasons for utilizing centers and even explores common myths about learning centers. She discusses the various types of learning centers and provides clever ideas on how to set up centers - example: placing a center on the inside door of a cabinet. She also provides student guidelines for working within and between centers - crucial for successful centers!

Each of the 12 tiered lesson plans provides standards and objectives for the lesson. The lessons cover language arts, math, science, and social studies. Center preparation, materials needed, and student instructions are given for the actual lesson. Then activities for the older or more able students and activities for the younger or less able students are listed. Reproducible pages accompany each lesson.

As the students in our classrooms are becoming more diverse, Tiered Activities for Learning Centers will provide teachers a quick and easy-to-use activities resource book in which differentiation is provided for all of our students. Tiered lessons ready to go!

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