

# The “Expert Book”

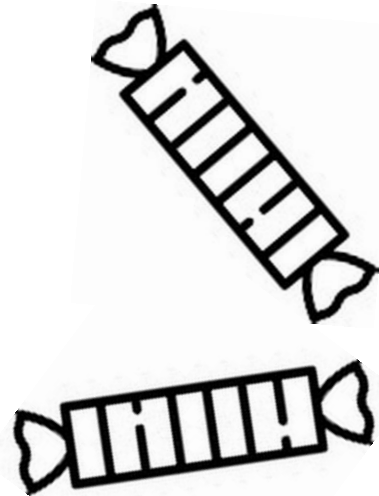
Traditionally teachers have used “jobs” in classrooms to share the burden of things that need to get done. I often hear that this system uses valuable time in a classroom. As a national consultant, I hear from many past participants that an Expert Book has transformed their classroom and made these jobs much easier.

Creating an expert book is based upon “shared responsibility” and creating a classroom where children learn to help one another. To get started create a list of the things that children ask you to do that “eat away” precious teaching time. Find children who can assist you in the classroom by creating a book of “experts”. While some jobs will require an expertise (someone good with technology, needs to be the “Techie), other jobs can be handle by any student (captain custodian). Choose a cover and the number of pages that will be in your expert book. You can choose from my helper strips or create some of your own.

Create a page in the book for each thing on your list, and then find the children who would be able to assist other children in carrying out the task. Put their name and picture on the page. You can use Velcro to place nametags or pictures of the students on the pages. Make sure to rotate pictures so that the same student will not be responsible for the same job all the time. Remind children to utilize the expert book whenever they need assistance. Remind the “experts” to not only help other students, but to teach the other students the task. The goal is to encourage every child to become an expert at as many jobs as possible so that they become more independent. If everyone in the class is an expert at a task, tell them you will have a “shredding celebration” to shred the page, as no one any longer needs assistance with the task.

If it can be done by a student, it should be! Remember, the less they need you, the more responsibility they hold.

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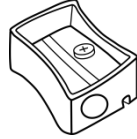
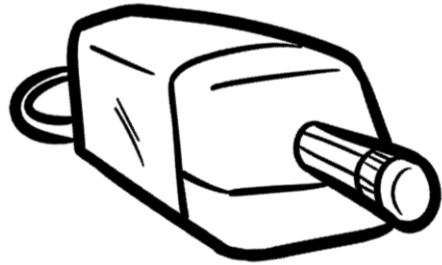


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