

Meaningful Jobs

Brainstorm a list of current classroom chores and routines you are doing everyday. Then place an **X** next to those tasks you are willing to hand over to the children. The list below will get you started.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrival | <input type="checkbox"/> Coming to Circle / Independent Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Arrival / Tardy / Absent | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Place Routine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Hygiene (Restrooms, diapers, hands, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dismissal / Departure | <input type="checkbox"/> Headings on Papers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quieting the Class / Attention Routine | <input type="checkbox"/> Late Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Routines | <input type="checkbox"/> Turning in Papers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil / Marker Routines | <input type="checkbox"/> Distributing Materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lining Up | <input type="checkbox"/> Turning on Lights, TV, CD Player |
| <input type="checkbox"/> What to Do When You Are Finished | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance / Lunch Count | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rest Routine | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movement of Paper / Supplies | |

Next, do the same for the classroom rituals listed below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Absent Child | <input type="checkbox"/> Connection and Appreciation Rituals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting Visitors | <input type="checkbox"/> School Family™ Song / Motto / Chant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wish Well | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Change / Holiday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Child | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Message |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving / Leaving Child | <input type="checkbox"/> Community News |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Testing Rituals | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> We Care Ritual | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Add and subtract marks on the lists above until the number of marks is equal to the number of children in your class. You now have your job list! Create your job descriptions and teach them accordingly.

Ritual vs Routine: Rituals are experienced; routines must be taught. Place an **E** next to those that facilitate rituals and a **T** next to those that facilitate routines.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Message Writer | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Person / Electrician | <input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailbox Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kindness Recorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Rest Mat Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Song Selector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Encourager | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Holder | <input type="checkbox"/> Bell Ringer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> S.T.A.R. Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor / First Aid Giver | <input type="checkbox"/> Line Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Magic Broom | <input type="checkbox"/> Playground Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wish Well Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape Player | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack Checker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absent Child Helper / Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet Area Monitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Child Buddy | <input type="checkbox"/> Chair Stacker | <input type="checkbox"/> Reminder Person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends and Family Board Caretaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Remote Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack Person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Area Monitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Counter | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Cleaner | <input type="checkbox"/> Door Holder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Messenger / Errand Runner | <input type="checkbox"/> Puzzle Piece Helper | <input type="checkbox"/> Board Cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Counter / Soap Squirter | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet Caregiver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Inspector for Centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Paint Brush Washer | <input type="checkbox"/> Reporter |

