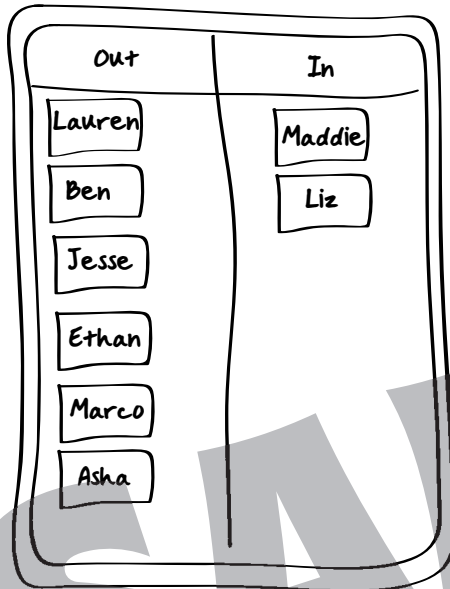


# MAG-NIFICENT ATTENDANCE AND ASSIGNMENTS!

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- magnetic surface
- magnets
- colored tape

**A SIMPLE MAGNETIC SURFACE AND SET OF MAGNETS CAN BE A GREAT TOOL TO USE FOR CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT!**



Identify a magnetic surface in your classroom—maybe a small whiteboard (inexpensive), a cookie sheet (cheap!), or the side of a file cabinet (free!)—and divide the surface in half vertically using colored tape. Get a set of magnets and put each student's name or assigned number on a magnet. Place all student magnets on the left side of the surface.

For easy attendance taking, students move their magnets to the right side of the surface as they arrive each morning, giving a quick view of who is in class that day. Each afternoon, a student is assigned the job of moving all the magnets back to the left side to be ready for the next morning.

To use the board to track turned-in assignments or skill mastery, have students move their magnets to the right side of the surface when they have turned in an assignment or mastered a skill or fact. You could also have a second (or third...) set of magnets for each student and label columns on the board for attendance, assignments, etc. This tool is a great motivation for students who want to move their magnets to the right side of the surface after completing work or learning skills!

**A cheap substitute for a set of magnets is a roll of magnetic tape or even magnetic business cards collected from community businesses!**



**USING ASSIGNED NUMBERS ON MAGNETS INSTEAD OF NAMES ALLOWS YOU TO USE THOSE MAGNETS YEAR AFTER YEAR!**

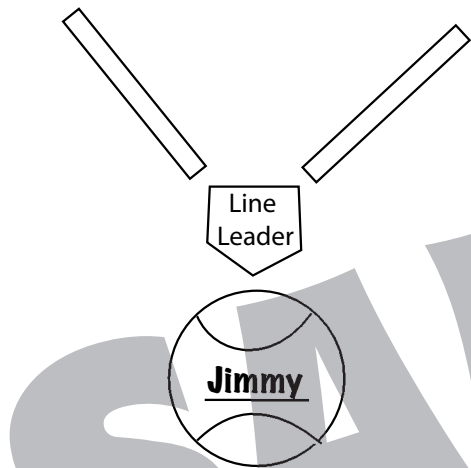


**WHAT YOU'LL NEED:**

- poster board
- colored tape
- copy paper
- Velcro® dots
- 2 manila envelopes

**JOB ASSIGNMENTS THAT HIT A HOME RUN!**

Create a job assignment board for your classroom with a baseball theme! On a large piece of poster board, use colored tape to outline a baseball diamond and label all positions with job assignments. There are nine positions on a baseball field, so you can assign nine jobs. Photocopy and laminate enough baseballs (see template in back of book) to have one baseball nametag for each student. Use Velcro® dots to adhere baseball nametags next to the job assignments on the baseball diamond. Label envelopes "The Bench" and "The Dugout."



Place all student nametags in "The Dugout" and select nine students for job assignments. Each week, pull a new name from the dugout envelope and add it to the lineup, sending each student through a full rotation of jobs so everyone gets a turn at each position. Once a student has had each job, put them in "The Bench" envelope until it is time to start again! With nine positions on a baseball field, you can rotate jobs every nine weeks, allowing each student to have one job for a full week.

**Give baseball theme names to your jobs:**

- "Homework Catcher"
- "Shortstop Sharpener"
- "Right Field Fish Feeder"
- "Left Field Line Leader"

To ensure your baseball diamond job board will last for years of use, laminate it or mount it on a hard surface.

