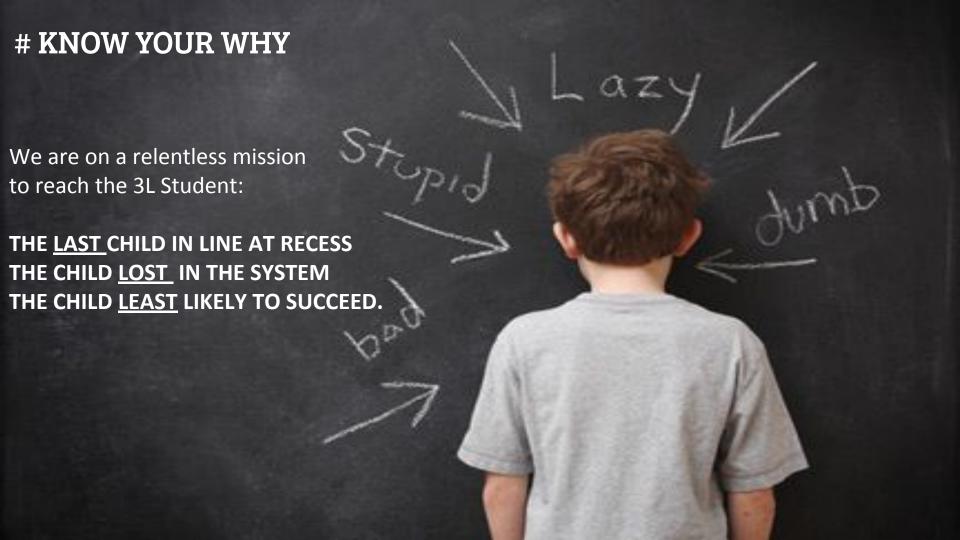


ACTION BASED LEARNING EXPANDED Implementing ABL AT ALL LEVELS



What is ABL?

Action Based Learning™ is based on the brain research that strongly supports the link between movement and learning. We know that healthy, active students, make better learners! So how do we apply this to the classroom? Action Based Learning! ABL provides students an advantage to learn. The focus is on creating an optimal learning environments for all students, through movement! Action Based Learning stations in the classroom can be used to prepare the brain for learning, reinforce academic content, and strengthening the 12 foundations of Learning Readiness.





Why ABL?

It increases focus and attention. Grades improve. Less office referrals. Decreases behavioral issues. Action Based Learning areas are a reprieve from the traditional sedentary learning environment. It makes learning fun, students are eager to come to class. Research tells us we can use purposeful movement to fill in and strengthen developmental gaps. We are providing students an advantage to learning. We are impacting the lives of children.



What does ABL offer?

Training

- 1. On Site Training
- 2. National Summer Trainings
- 3. Online Training Coming Soon!

Kinesthetic Classrooms

- 1. K-12th grade Kinesthetic Classrooms
- 2. Flexible Seating
- 3. University + Adult Office Seating

Sensory Spirit

- 1. Special Education (Schools)
- 2. OT/PT Professionals
- 3. Special Needs for Home
- 4. Youth Hospitals

ABL LABS

- 1. K-2 Labs
- 2. 3-5 Labs
- 3. Combo Labs K-5
- 4. Middle + High Schools Labs

Youth Cardio

- Super Small, Elem, Junior, and Varsity Equipment
- 2. Obstacle Courses
- 3. Climbing Walls



Labs

- K-2nd Labs
- 3-5th Labs
- Combo Labs K-5th
- 6th-12th Labs



Classrooms

- The Collaborative Flexible Seating/Kinesthetic Desks/Brain Breaks Mix
- The Kinesthetic Variety of fully kinesthetic desks. Tends to show the most immediate improvements in academic achievement and student behavior
- The ABL The best of both worlds! ABL Stations work on strengthening the 12 foundations of learning: preparing the brain to learn. Kinesthetic desks improve student alertness, ability to retain and retrieve information more efficiently, and ultimately shows the most drastic improvements in long term learning.

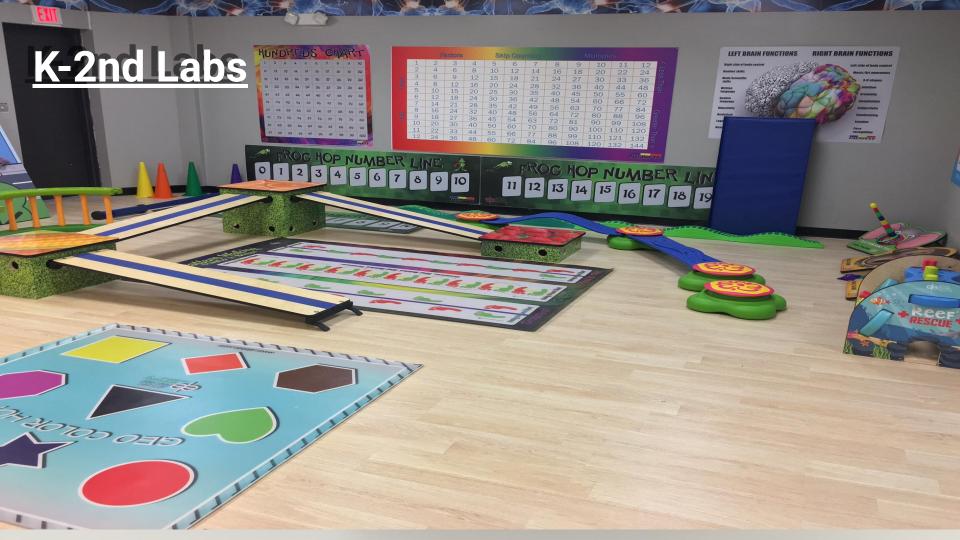
12 Foundations for Learning Readiness

- Cross the Midline: Cross Lateralization
- Body in Space: Vestibular/Proprioception
- Balance: Spatial Orientation
- Visual Development: Encoding Symbols
- Rhythm: Beat Awareness and Beat Compentency
- Tactile Learning: Sensory Motor and Fine Motor Skills
- Motor Skills: Locomotor and Non-Locomotor
- Eye/Hand Eye/Foot Coordination: Manipulative Skills
- Physical Fitness: Strength and Flexibility
- Cardiovascular Fitness: Aerobic Capacity
- Problem Solving: Embodied Cognition
- Self-Management: Mindfulness and Self-Awareness

















3-5th Body Brain Adventure Labs

Body Brain Adventure

3-5th <u>Labs</u>



K-5th



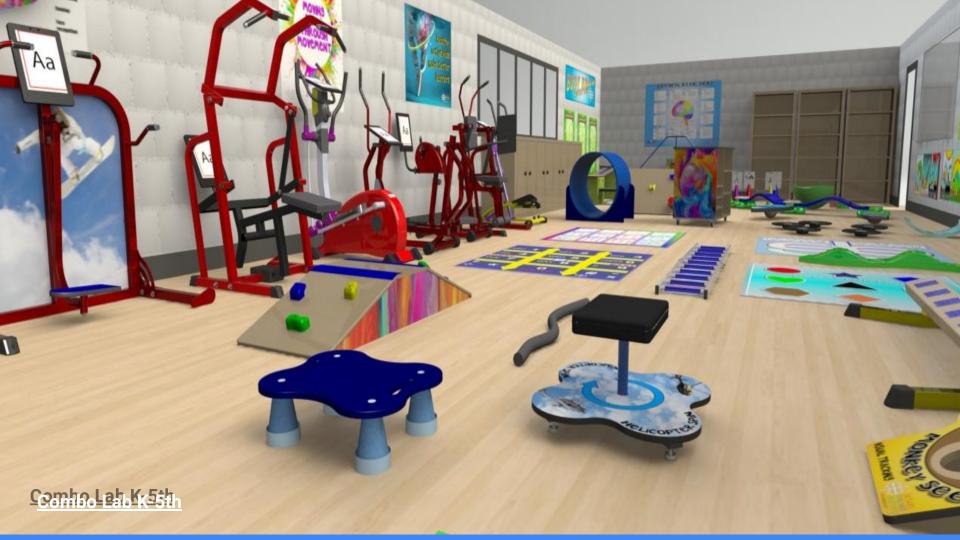


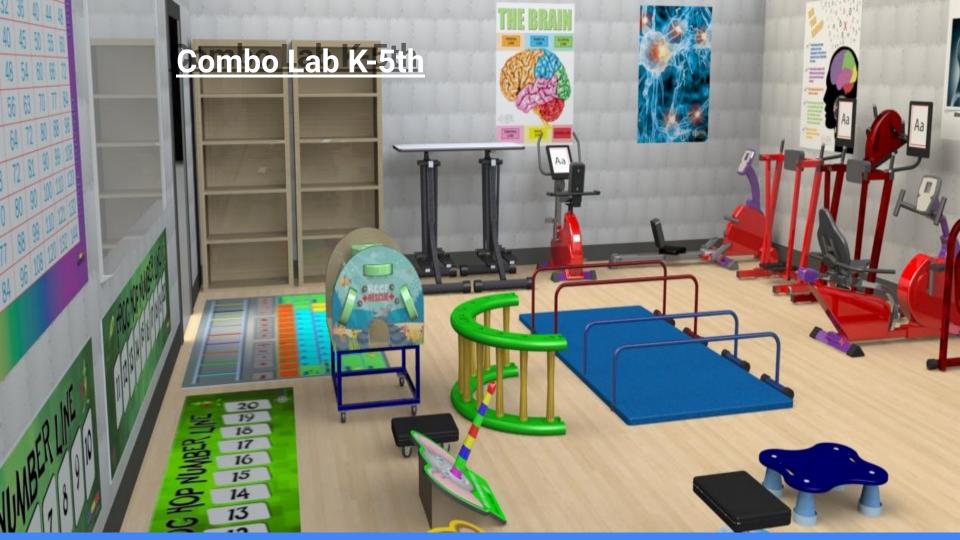














6th -12th NeuroNasium Labs



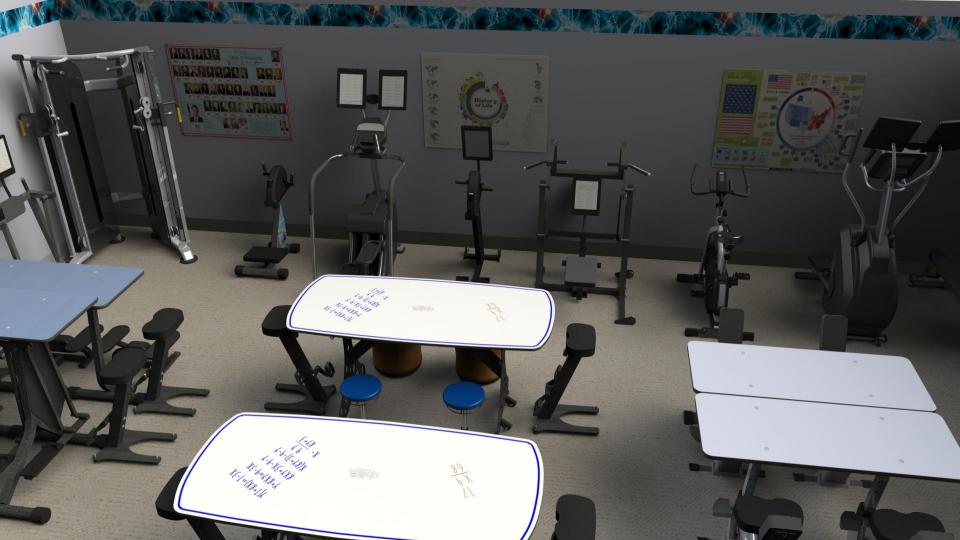












Classrooms



The Kinesthetic Workstation is a reprieve From being tied to a traditional desk





THE BIG ADVANTAGE:

It increases focus and attention.

Students are eager to come to class!



THE NEXT BIG ADVANTAGE

-GRADES IMPROVE

-LESS OFFICE REFERRALS

-DECREASE IN BEHAVIOR ISSUES

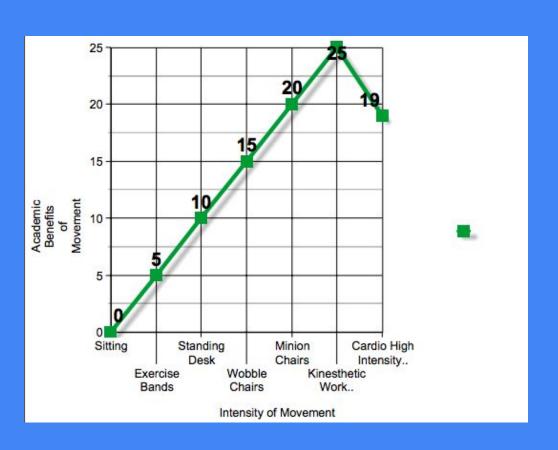


Third advantage:

An increase in health and wellness in our students



ACADEMIC BENEFITS OF MOVEMENT



MOVEMENTS

	SITTING	WOBBLE CHAIRS	STABILITY BALLS/MINION CHAIRS	STANDING OR BALANCE DESK	KINESTHETIC WORK STATION (EASY TALKING)	EXERCISE 70–90% OF MAX HEART RATE
PROS	RESTED & REJUVENATED	 DEVELOPS AND ENGAGES CORE MUSCLES ALLOWS KINESTHETIC LEARNING & FREEDOM TO MOVE Provides calming effect for fidgeters and those who crave sensory input 	 Develops and Engages Core Muscles ENGAGES VESTIBULAR SYSTEM INCREASED SENSORY STIMULATION 	 INCREASE IN CALORIC EXPENDITURES BURN 17% MORE CALORIES WHILE STANDING Improves Student Engagement 	 Low Intensity Steady State Movement prepares the brain to learn Increased oxygen + bloodflow to the brain =increased alertness Release of Happy Hormones= improved mood Releases BDNF = Growth of New Brain Cells 	 HEALTH & WELLNESS BENEFITS Best Benefit BEFORE or AFTER learning
CONS	IN EXCESS, IT WILL KILL YOU	LIMITED MOVEMENT & NO INCREASE IN CIRCULATION OR HEART RATE	CAN BECOME A DISTRACTION IN THE CLASSROOM IF NOT MANAGED PROPERLY (CLOTH COVERED MINION CHAIRS ELIMINATE THIS)	 DOES NOT HELP MOVE NUTRIENTS AND OXYGEN TO THE BRAIN VERY LITTLE INCREASE IN CIRCULATION 	Classroom must be able to accommodate kinesthetic desk size	 CAN NOT LEARN NEW ACADEMIC MATERIAL BLOOD IS SHUNTED AWAY FROM THE PREFRONTAL CORTEX

The Collaborative Classroom

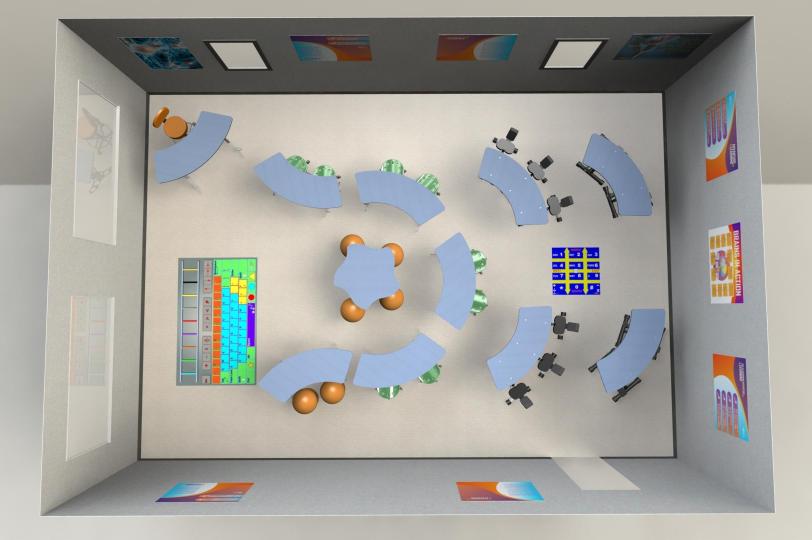
This is a combo of kinesthetic, as well as flexible seating, to create a modern classroom, conducive to how the brain learns. All of the free standing desks pictured can are adjustable to turn into a standing or seated desk. Also, the lime green stool has wheels on the bottom to add a little more flexibility and movement to the classroom! The orange chairs are swivel core, so they actually spin as well as support good posture. In the back of the room you will see our multi person pedal desks, and multi person strider desks- these are critical to add a few kinesthetic pieces to a classroom for kinesthetic learners, and tend to show the most drastic difference in behavior and academic improvement. You will also notice all of the desks are multi person, we have found that collaborative workspaces are the most optimal for learning. Keep in mind the orange and green seats can always be switched out for a variety of different flexible seating options!









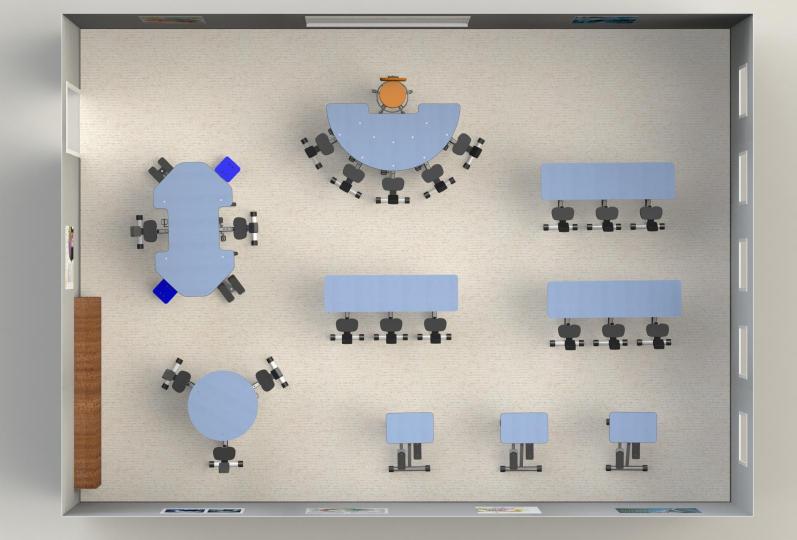


The Fully Kinesthetic Classroom

Fully Kinesthetic Classrooms tend to show the most drastic difference in behavior and academic improvement. You will also notice all of the desks are multi person, we have found that collaborative workspaces are the most optimal for learning.











PROBLEM #1

Everybody wants it, but far less can afford it.

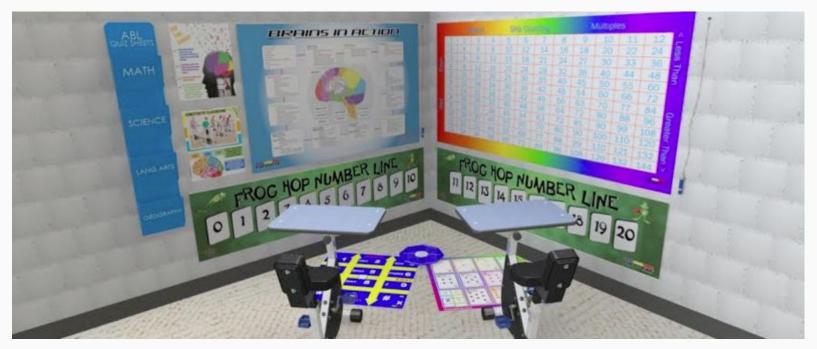


Harbor Gate Elementary:

They took a moonwalker desk and moved it from class to class.



THE TRAVELING MOONWALKER EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE CREATION OF THE ABL CLASSROOM CORNER



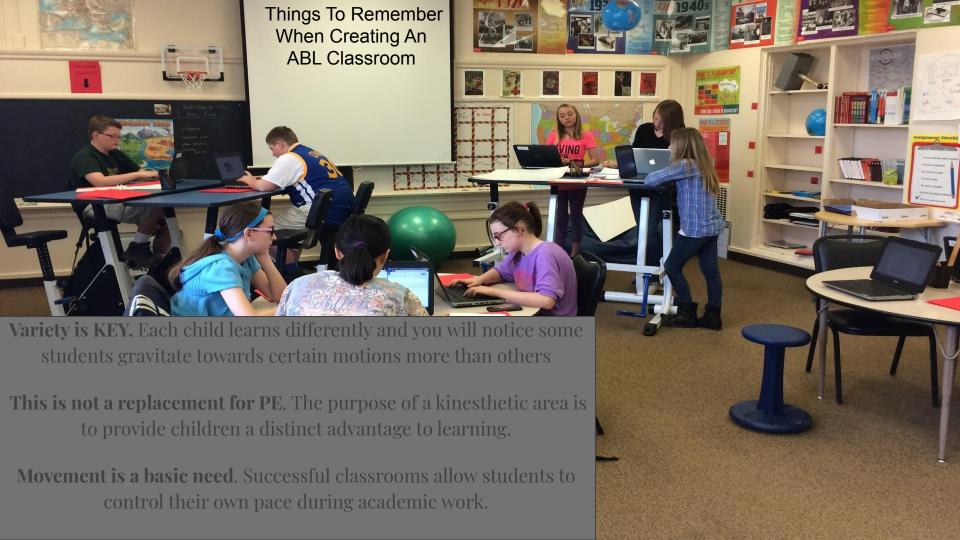
Benefits of the lab can be brought into the classroom!

The ABL Classroom

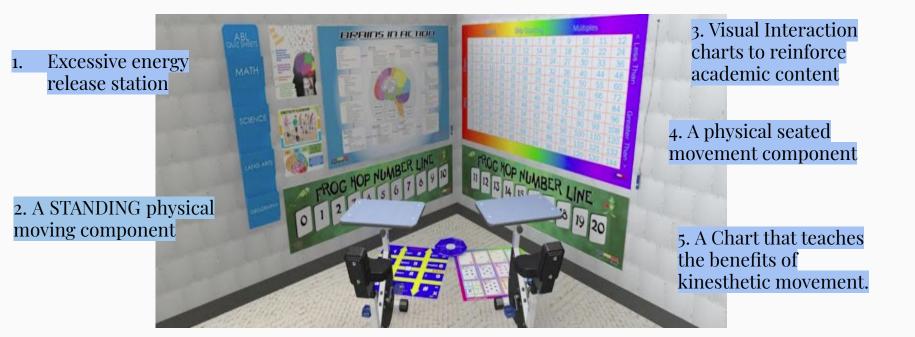
The ABL Classroom is a combination of ABL brain based stations and kinesthetic desks to provide the most well rounded, brain based learning environment to provide an advantage for all students!

Action Based Learning is no longer just in the lab! ABL is for the classroom, the hallways, the library, and anywhere we can use movement to enhance learning!





Components of an ABL area

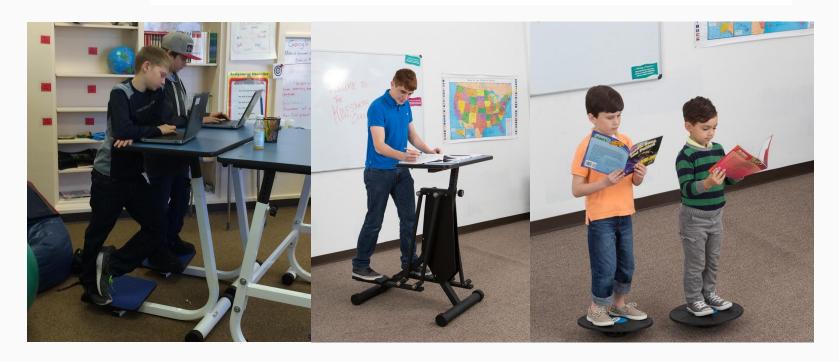


1. An excessive energy release station.



Click Video Above to see the ABL classroom in action

2. A standing physical moving component

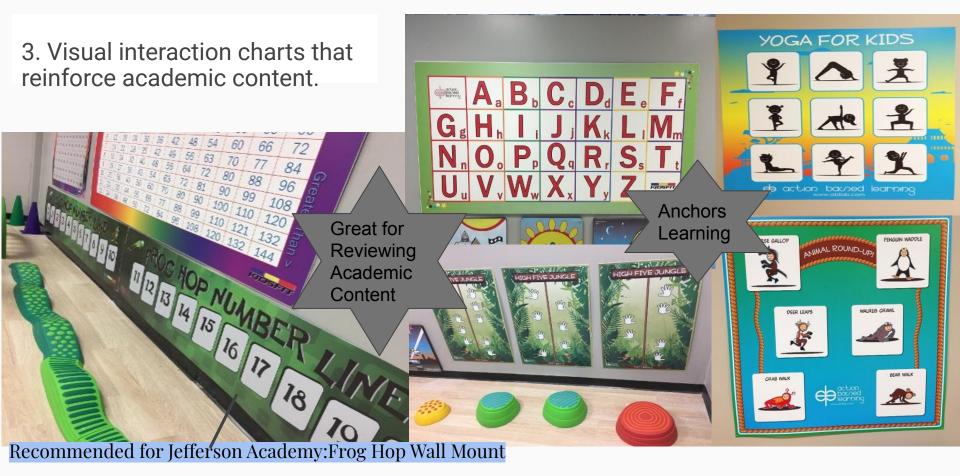


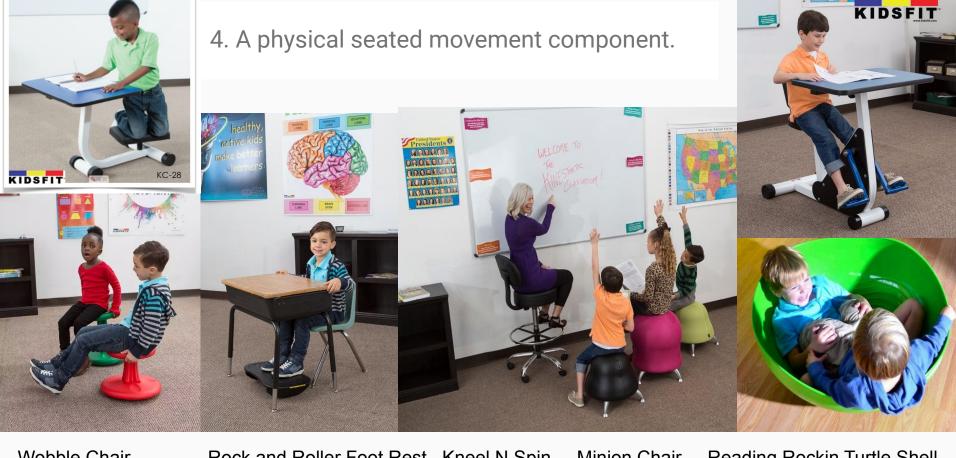
Example: Balance Desk (Crossing the Midline), Strider Desk Reading Balance Boards

3. Visual interaction mats that reinforce academic content. Vestibular words on a page, Visual Cross Development reading words from left Tracking Lateralization to right & writing ABC 1 DEF CEO COLOR HOP PQRS 6 JKL 4 MNO 5 WEST EAS₁ TUV **7** WXY

OTHER OPTIONS

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Wobble Chair Rock and Roller Foot Rest Kneel N Spin Minion Chair Reading Rockin Turtle Shell

5. A chart that teaches the benefits of kinesthetic movement.



How Can I Use the ABL Area of My Classroom?

- 1. Reinforce Academic Content
- 2. Teach Academic Content
- 3. Prepare the Brain for learning

use the stations to review content just learned in the classroom

use the stations to teach the student new material

ex: excessive energy release stations put the brain in its most optimal setting for learning new material- increases ability to retain and retrieve information

4. Provide Brain Breaks

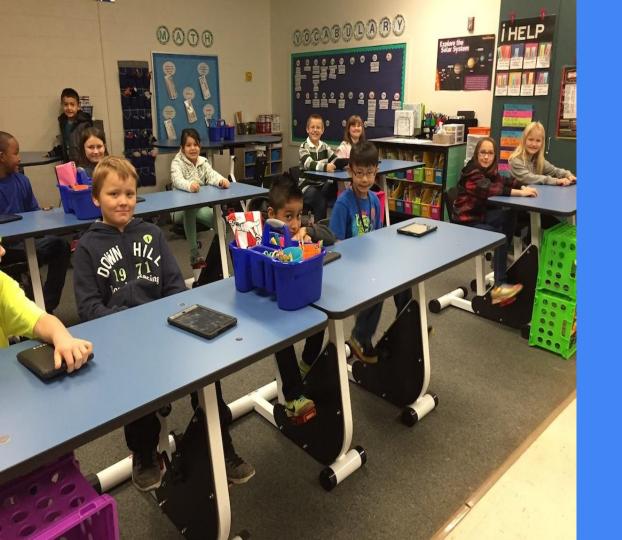
- a reprieve from the traditional setting improves mood, behavior etc
- 5. Assess Developmental Gaps in individual students
- 6. Strengthen the 12 Foundations Critical for Learning

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHTS



The Fully Kinesthetic Classroom

Chevy Chase Elementary, MD



The Fully Kinesthetic Classroom

Burke County Schools, NC 3rd-4th Grade



The Collaborative Classroom

Grand River Academy classrooms provide students a variety of flexible seating, wobble stools, balance desks, pedal desks and sit/stand options.



The ABL Classroom

Norwin School District, PA

"My dream was to create a space in our school devoted to movement during instruction,"

Brunazzi said.

Learning occurs across a variety of subjects in this room. Students review basic math facts while balancing on discs; learn vocabulary words with flashcards while on stability balls; practice spelling by tossing a ball around a circle; read a book while standing on a balance board, or work on writing a narrative while bicycling at the pedal desk. "It's definitely not supposed to be their recess, not to be their gym. It's active learning," said Brunazzi, who previously taught fourth grade.



The ABL Classroom

Cross Timbers Elementary, Health Room, Oklahoma K-5th grade

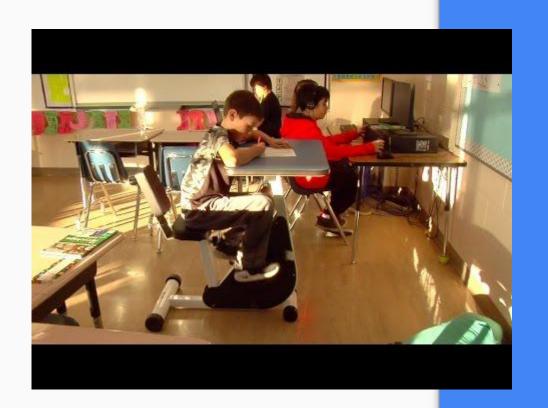
Mrs Orsack teaches 27
health classes each week
in this room. The entire
elementary school now has
access to her ABL
Classroom!



The ABL Classroom

Sneak peak of students working diligently, quietly, AND constantly moving!





Dispersing single desks throughout the school

Hear from the Principal: "How 37 desks transformed our entire school environment!



The Collaborative Classroom

Manorhaven Elem - Port Washington, NY

Movement is schoolwide - in classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, media center, and even the principal's office!

Flexible seating, brain breaks, and kinesthetic desks are scattered throughout the school in order to reach every student.

PHYSICAL EDUCATORS ROLE IN TRANSFORMING MANORHAVEN ELEMENTARY



The PHYSICAL EDUCATOR & ACTION BASED LEARNING



As a Physical Educator, How Can We Play a Role in Leading the Charge?

WHAT IS OUR ROLE, AND WHY SHOULD WE BE INVOLVED IN THIS?

- INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DURING THE SCHOOL DAY (GET THEIR 60 A DAY).
- GIVE STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENHANCED LEARNING THROUGH MOVEMENT.
- WE ARE THE EXPERTS IN MOVEMENT, SO WE CAN:
 - ASSIST TEACHERS IN IMPLEMENTING MOVEMENT IN THE CLASSROOM.
 - HELP TEACHERS OVERCOME THEIR FEAR OF CLASSROOM MOVEMENT.
 - EDUCATE SCHOOL STAFF ON THE VALUE OF ACTION BASED LEARNING.



STEPS TO ABL SUCCESS

-MANORHAVEN Elementary

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- 1. Initial Staff Training
- 2. Introduce to Students
- 3. Roll out
- 4. Continual Support: direct instruction and push-in









OK, YOU SOLD ME. NOW HOW DO WE PAY FOR IT?



- GRANTS
- DONORS CHOOSE
- GOFUNDME

- PTA
- FUND RAISING
- DISTRICT FUNDING

Set your own mission

BE REVOLUTIONARY... Make Something Happen

BE A GROUND BREAKER... the latest in brain research and cognitive learning

SUPPORT HEALTH AND FITNESS... it's about low intensity physical activity

BE A CHAMPION... reap the rewards of your knowledge and passion

