



## LIBRARY POCKETS

### *Ideas for Creative Use...*

#### **Classroom Activities Using Jumbo Library Pockets:**



- “Poem in Your Pocket”—copy poems recited in class (from charts, pocket charts, etc.) on a half sheet of paper and place inside pocket for students to take home and practice.
- Post one in the class library for students to place book recommendations.
- Student Birthday Card Holder—have each student write a short note to the special birthday boy or girl and place the notes in the library pocket as a gift from the class. You could do the same for welcome wishes to a new student or for Mother’s and Father’s Day.
- Culminating Unit Study Project—Label the library pocket with a particular unit of study for example, Spiders. Have each student (or groups of students) write things they know about spiders and place them inside the pocket. You could do the same at the beginning of a unit of study and have students place questions in the pocket. Teachers can pull a question a day to research.
- Reports—Hole-punch the left edge, connect several jumbo pockets using Ring-Its and attach a construction paper cover. Students can use the books to report on a historical figure, a literary character, themselves, etc.
  - If students were doing a report on a historical figure they would place objects that tell about the historical figure inside the pockets. For example, pocket #1 could be all about the person's childhood, so they'd put objects/pictures inside that gave information about the person's childhood. Pocket #2 could be about the historical figure's job, etc.
    - This idea could also work for students to get to know one another. Each student would get one pocket and fill it with things about themselves. Students could share their pockets with the class and the teacher could then bind the pockets together to create a class book.



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#### Classroom Management/Storage Using Jumbo Library Pockets:



- Mount inside take-home folders to place items like student-made or decodable readers, notes home, etc.
- Mount on the back of a clipboard for double-sided storage
- Mount on the bulletin board to hold calendar pieces
- At centers—use to check in and out, to store file folder game pieces, word cards, etc.
- Hang outside the classroom to collect notes from visitors who stop by when the class is out of the room.
- Adhere to the inside of cabinet doors or mount magnet strips on the back and place on the filing cabinet to store forms you need at your finger tips—nurse notes, notes home, student incentive charts/stickers, permission slips/\$\$ etc.)
- Mount inside record book for notes to temporarily store notes from parents.
- Storage for Designer Letters, stickers or other small decorative pieces or office materials.
- Laminate, place Velcro strips on the back, and adhere to back of chairs (may work for some types of chairs). Could be used to store behavior reward tokens, notes home, Valentines on Valentine's Day



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Home/Outside of Classroom Using Jumbo and Small Library Pockets:



- Scrapbooking
- Invitation/message “envelope”
- Stick magnetic strips on the back and place on the refrigerator to store take-out menus.
- Adhere to the inside of kitchen cabinet or pantry doors (“pantry pockets”) for recipes, take-out menus, coupons, etc.
- For the *small* library pockets: seating cards for guests—write guests’ names on the rectangular space and tuck a napkin and utensils inside.



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#### Cute Ideas for Using Jumbo and Small Library Pockets



- Fold the top part down to make an envelope. Laminate, slit, and use stick-on Velcro for reusable envelopes or use scrapbooking adhesive to seal envelopes for one-time use.
  - The small ones would be perfect for storing a tooth that came out during the school day!
  - The small ones would make great gift card envelopes.
  - The small ones could be used as a coin purse for real or play money.
  - Use for storing games pieces.
  - Use for storing cut and paste pieces for assignments that students need to finish later.
  - Place beginning of the year or holiday treats for students inside.
- Make a book—fold paper accordion-style to make the spine of the book and glue each pocket to a fold. Can place messages or letters inside.
- Make a book—punch holes at the side and tie together with ribbon. Can place messages or letters inside.

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