



# *The Classroom's A Stage*

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## WHAT DID YOU DO?

- My classroom setup is that of a 1950's picture of desks and chairs in a row where I stand at the blackboard and expect my students to be engaged for an hour. I am ready to take a risk and try building my room into a stage where I can be elevated and walking throughout every inch of the floor from the front to the back, and up the middle. I thought that with this stage, I can make the magic of teaching my lessons come to life! I can incorporate music and beats to my math problems and it will help my students connect in ways they have never connected with math before.




## WHY DID YOU DO IT?

- When I visited the Ron Clark Academy and saw the AMAZING teachers there use a stage to help transform their classrooms, I knew I just HAD TO HAVE ONE! Immediately upon arrival back here in Kentucky I started discussing plans with my husband and looking up all the different ways to build a stage. After seeing the teachers (and students) at RCA each have a stage in their classroom and use their imaginations to make learning come to life, I knew I had to have one.



## HOW DID IT WORK?

- Due to construction at our school within each classroom, I was told by administration that construction with this grant needed to be brought to a halt until they were completed. I am unsure of how well this would have worked, but I am more than confident to say it will work once in place. Several times I used a small wall air unit to stand on and use as a stage for my classroom. All eyes were always on me because I was so elevated above everyone else. (Maybe they thought I would fall because of my big pregnant belly, too.) HA! Nonetheless, they were very engaged in everything I had to say.
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# WHAT DID YOU LEARN?


- I will be more than happy to make another powerpoint and even present it with my findings once my stage is built by the contactors at our school.





## CAN THIS BE USED WITH FUTURE CLASSES?

- THIS STAGE WILL BE SOMETHING THAT IS CONSTRUCTED IN MY CLASSROOM. IT WILL BE THERE FOREVER, SO I CAN UTILIZE THIS STAGE ALL AY LONG WITH ALL OF MY CLASSES.



Thank you, KVEC, for blessing us teachers across our region with chances to think outside of the box with our children. Without your help, I would never be able to afford the things I have purchased to give my students the experiences they have had over the last 5 years. Bless you and thank you for all you do for us!

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