Beach Theme Ideas

Ideas compiled in this document consist of original ideas as well as ideas I found on Proteacher (www.proteacher.net).

Décor:

- Scene setters purchased from local party stores or online are an inexpensive way to add an artistic mural feel to any room (Scene setters are a lot like wallpaper, but they are made from thin plastic vinyl and can be hung with staples or tape.) Hang them in the corner, above a cabinet, or on the back of the door. Go to Party Rack for examples of fun scene setters in a variety of themes! <u>http://www.partyrack.com/scenesetters.html</u>
- Purchase floral leis to use as borders around bulletin boards and other displays. Check out Oriental Trading for inexpensive leis. <u>http://www.orientaltrading.com/application?namespace=browse&origin=catalogProducts.jsp&event=catalog&categoryId=377378&sp=true</u>
- Use inexpensive lawn chairs/beach chairs for reading area to encourage students to sit and read.
- Have beach towels or beach mats rolled up and stored in basket for students to pull out to sit on and read or work.
- See "Resource List" for more decorating ideas and where to purchase the items

Sayings/Titles for Bulletin Boards, Displays, and Newsletters:

- "Gone Surfin'!" (Paint this on a small surf board to hang on the door when not in the room.)
- "Welcome to Ms. _____''s Reef!" (sign above door)
- "Aloha!" (welcome sign)
- "Dive into _____ grade!" (Display with scuba gear or diving board)
- "Hang Ten with _____ grade!" (Display with large wave and students names on cutouts.)
- "Internet Island" computer area (Hang a net, small surfboard, and a sign that reads "Surf the Net!" or Place a small fish or other aquatic animal in the net above the computer area with a sign that reads "Get caught in the Net!")
- "Special Surf Days" display student birthdays on surf boards or use as calendar area title
- "Sands of Times" or "Tide of Times" calendar area or newsletter title
- "Tiki Times" "Starfish Gazette" "The Reef Report" newsletter titles
- "Don't get Shipwrecked, do your Homework!" Homework board (Hang nautical items)
- "Don't get Stranded, do your Homework!" Homework board (Hang life preserver on board)
- "There's a treasure buried in all of us!" (Display with a treasure box and jewels or other treasures around it.)
- "Digging for Golden Behavior" (Display with sand pail, shovel, and gold coins. Then have class work together to add more gold coins to the display to earn class privileges.)
- "Behavior Beach" class rules/consequences, rewards, etc.
- "Workshop Wharf" reading or writing workshop area
- "Writing to Treasure" display students' writing samples with treasure chest
- "Paradise Island" reading corner with palm tree scene setter
- "Reading Reef" reading corner with beach or ocean scene setter
- "Reading Hut" or "Reading Cabana" reading area at small table with beach umbrella & beach chairs
- "Get hooked on reading!" Display feature book titles on the ends of fishing hooks made from poster board

- "The Sun is shining on ______" (Spotlight on student of the week or student's work samples. Hang sun on display.)
- "Star Student" (Student of the week. Decorate with star fish.)
- "Work to Treasure" display outstanding work (treasure box & small jewels)
- "You'll Flip over this Work!" display outstanding work (hang cheap flip-flops around board or attach clothespin to back of flip-flops to hang students work)
- "Beach Bucks" "Sand Dollars" or "Dolphin Dollars" classroom economy system (make "money" on computer & run off on colored cardstock)
- "Tropical Topics" or "Tropical Tidbits" display question or topic of the week for students to respond to on a write-on/wipe-off poster (laminated poster board)
- "Treasure Hunters" mastery club for students who seek out knowledge on their own "Knowledge is the best treasure!"
- "Jewels and Gems" class list of girls/jewels and boys/gems

Resource List

- Oriental Trading Company search online for "luau," "beach," or "ocean" for a variety of materials and ideas. <u>http://www.orientaltrading.com/</u>
- ShinDigz Party Superstore they are a bit expensive, but have really neat décor ideas. http://www.shindigz.com/
- **Garden Ridge** Check out this store (online or in the store) for lawn chairs, and other beachtype items. <u>http://www.gardenridge.com/</u>
- Cut Outz This website offers 3-d shapes and cut outs. Search the luau or aquatic theme. http://www.cutoutz.com/ProductPage/ProductPage.php?PageType=bLuau&PCT=bAll&CL=2
- **Mo'o & Lolo's Hawaiian Dictionary** Translate a phrase/word into Hawaiian with this site. <u>http://www.hisurf.com/hawaiian/dictionary.html</u>
- **Teacher Storehouse** -- This site has a variety of teacher décor materials and more. <u>http://www.teacherstorehouse.com/</u>
- Mrs. Nierman's 4th Grade Website Cute pirate/beach theme clipart http://teacherweb.com/VA/MackBenn,JrElementary/MrsNierman/
- Proteacher Go to "Classroom Themes & Bulletin boards" for beach theme ideas and more. If there isn't a current thread on the beach theme, search the archives and discover many more ideas! <u>http://www.proteacher.net/discussions/forumdisplay.php?f=26</u>
- **Classroom Pictures** To view pictures of my island-themed classroom, go to <u>www.mrsaprilriley.com</u> and click on "Classroom Photos."