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Visit any early learning classroom and you will see one room functioning as an ever-changing set of spaces for learning activities.

You'll notice everything from whole class instruction and center-based learning to small group areas and independent spaces. Often classrooms are configured to support a student-centric approach which allows children to build on their own learning strengths and address their challenges.

This means that students move from one activity to another throughout the school day. As a result, today's classrooms need design and furniture created to accommodate a spectrum of instructional experiences.

Literacy: The Foundation for Learning

Literacy is an early education priority. It's the first critical building block for academic success. Creating dedicated spaces for literacy that allow children to be comfortable and separate themselves from busy areas makes it easier for children to focus and thrive as readers. The choice of furniture makes a difference. Book storage that is low to the ground like such as children's [Pick-a-Book Stands](#) keep books and literacy items



readily accessible and encourage children to choose books on their own. Creating a cozy corner with [kid-sized couches and chairs](#), or the [Jonti-Craft Dream Cube](#) for children to sit and read, can also help define literacy spaces in the classroom.

Sensory Learning Counts Too.

Sensory play can boost young learners' growth as well. It helps children learn how their actions affect what's around them. It encourages them to explore and be curious about things and builds language and motor skills. Sensory tables like the [Jonti-Craft See-Thru Sensory Table](#) provide a way for children to problem solve and learn about textures while keeping water, sand, and other items contained and neat. This table's built-in mobility features make it easy to move from space to space, and easy to clean as needed.

Sensory learning goes beyond touch. Light tables in the classroom can teach kids about shadows and the effect of light on colors. Small light tablets are easy to place when in use and then quickly store away. Larger light tables like the [Jonti-Craft Colored Light Table](#) create a collaborative space for children to learn together.

Pretend Play. Real Learning.

When children use imaginative play for learning, it opens new worlds for them. Pretend play provides real-life experiences for children and helps them learn to solve

problems and interact with peers as they build social and emotional skills. Classroom furniture such as [kitchens](#), [dress-up storage](#), and [kid-sized tables](#)

can help create smaller pretend play areas within a larger room. Most children are ready to engage in pretend play at the age of two or three, so having furniture sized for them is essential. Items like the [Jonti-Craft Toddler Gourmet Kitchen](#) has a counter height of 20" which is ideal for toddlers.



STEM + STEAM Open New Doors to Learning

For both STEM and STEAM programs, using products like a [Science Cart](#) can encourage kids to experience science in many ways. From using magnifying glasses to explore bugs and other objects, to learning how plants grow, kids can discover what interests them most.

Tablets and laptop computers are core to instruction even for very young learners. The challenge is often how to protect these expensive



items in classrooms for younger children. With smart solutions like [Jonti-Craft Tablet Tables](#), kids can use technology successfully and teachers don't have to worry about devices getting damaged.

Art helps boost creativity and critical thinking and allows children to reflect and process their emotions and show what they're learning. Creating a dedicated classroom art area will keep spaces clean and organized. Art supplies require a variety of storage for everything from paint and brushes to small manipulatives. Using a storage solution like the [Jonti-Craft STEAM Multimedia Cart](#) provides both large and small storage in a compact mobile option, making it easy to grab supplies when needed. Easels sized for children offer a perfect way to spark creativity and expression.

As designers and educators collaborate to create classrooms that are flexible, functional, and filled with learning opportunities, the right furniture and accessories can make a real and lasting impact on learning. Explore all the new opportunities available now to transform the way teachers teach and children thrive!

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