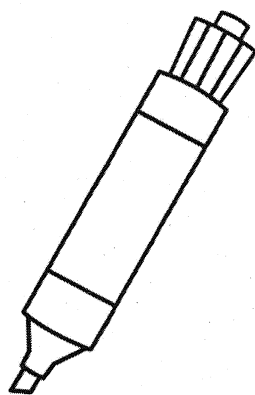


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Field Guide to Types of Charts

Type of Chart	Purpose	Qualities	Notes
Routine	Teaches a routine or behavior to students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made in response to a need • Records agreed upon behaviors • Written like a how-to • Usually made at the beginning of the year • Often includes photographs of students in action 	
Repertoire	Records a list of strategies taught for a big skill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names the big skill on top • Provides options and teaches multiple ways to do the skill • Promotes decision making based on self-assessment • Built over time and grows over multiple lessons 	
Process	Breaks a strategy down into a sequence of steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually numbered or sometimes represented in a circle • Students need to do each of the steps to complete the process • Usually made in a day or two • Useful for remembering a sequence of steps 	
Concept/Genre	Teaches the elements of a concept or genre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built collaboratively with students as they study a concept or genre • Grows over multiple lessons and explorations • A definition develops using the language of the children • Revised over time as new discoveries arise 	
Exemplar	Shows specific strategies or skills in context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses examples of mentor texts or student work • Discussion is a key element • Exemplar practices are highlighted or annotated • Students use to self-assess and set goals 	

Questions to Ask Students to Assess the Effectiveness of Classroom Charts

Questions	Responses	Observations
What is a chart?		
Why do we have charts?		
Can you show me a place in your reading/writing where a chart helped you? How did it help?		
Give me a tour of the classroom. Where are some places you go when you get stuck?		
Teach me how you use this chart (point to or hold up a chart)		
What's hard for you? Is there anything in the room that you could use to help you?		
Which chart do you use the most? Why?		
Which chart don't you use? Why?		
Is there a chart you wish you had to help you?		
If you were to make a chart, what would you make?		

Drawing Step by Step

