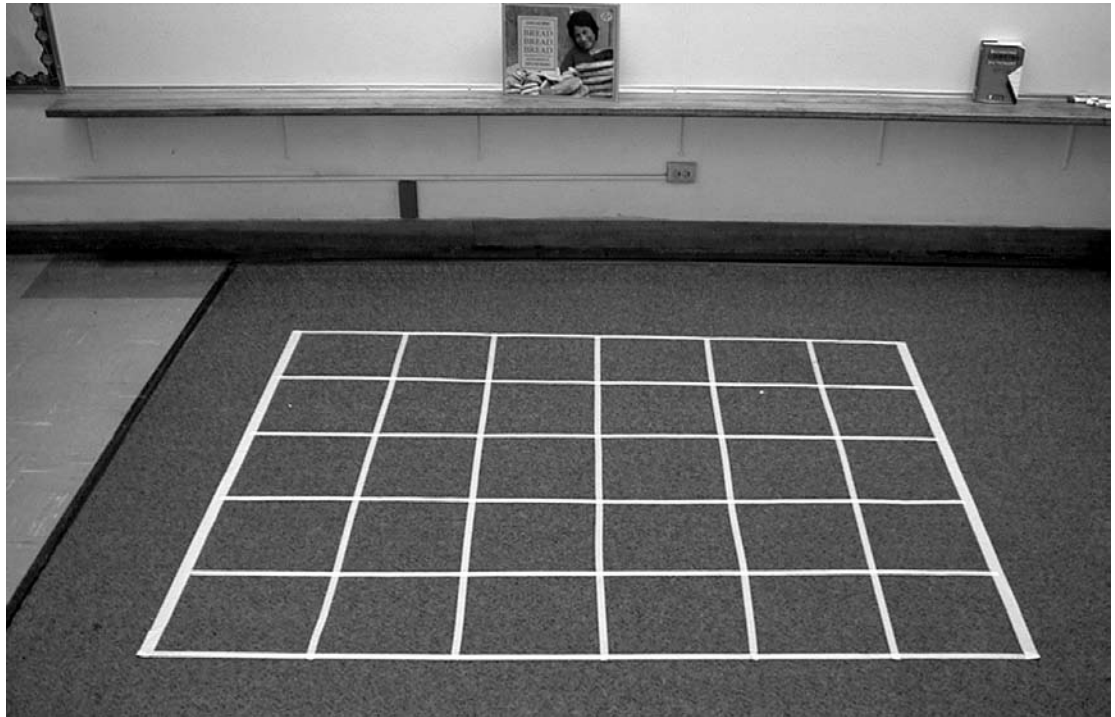


## Teacher Tip

*Here's an idea from a kindergarten teacher regarding "seat" assignments.*

*I meet with my students on the carpet at the beginning of each day. To provide them with their own space, which will help get them settled down and focused, I marked off a grid using masking tape. Each square is 24 inches wide, and the grid is set up to be six squares wide and five squares deep.*

*The student whose number matches the date introduces the day, leads the flag salute, and then sits in the first square. We then practice counting as the students, one by one, sit in their squares.*



*A Word from the Author:*

What a great technique. Although it would be easier for the teacher if the students always sat in the same place, they would eventually get bored with their assigned square. This would be especially true if the student happened to be sitting in one of the back rows.

It's kind of like playing volleyball. Who wants to spend the entire game in the back row? Nobody I know. If you're really into the game, you want everyone to rotate around so that you get to be in the front. I think it's the same thing for students. They would appreciate the opportunity to sit in a new seat every morning. It would provide them with a different perspective on the day.