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Set of 36 pencils with 3 different attributes to use to group students.

Grouping Pencils can be used to group students into cooperative learning groups, performing round robin reading, calling on students randomly without playing favorites and help in preventing you from calling on the same students all the time. Pencils can be grouped by the pencil color, number, and shape printed on the eraser. Teachers can also write each students name on the pencils.

Use the grouping pencils to randomly place students into different learning groups. Pass out a pencil to each student then group them according to one of the attributes on the pencil; color of pencil, shape or number on pencil. By placing students into different learning groups each time helps students learn to get along with others and learn from each other.

If you choose to use the pencils to call on students randomly throughout a lesson, write one name of each student on the pencils. It is best to use a permanent marker to write the names if you plan on using them multiple times throughout the year.

The grouping pencils can also be used to introduce students in the beginning of the year. Have all of the students with the same colored pencils on their desk get together and introduce each other. This is a great ice breaker to use during the first few days of school.

The grouping pencils were designed to help you run your class more efficiently. Students will love being grouped by these pencils. They will start asking you to use the pencils when grouping them. Allow the students to decide how to be grouped once the pencils are passed out. This will give some ownership and teach them some decision making skills.