The Visionary Teacher  Using wall space to increase thinking.

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Using Visuals to support classroom organization
✓ Post the rules
✓ Post the steps/roles to take in cooperative learning.
✓ Post seating chart
✓ Post objectives for a time period—not only today
✓ Post grading policy
✓ Post words of the week (not just the day)
✓ Post words of my subject—create a subject/topic word wall.
✓ List due dates.

Using visuals in instruction

To introduce a lesson
Post a picture and ask students to “read” it.
✓ Write questions on poster/chalkboard that the students will answer during the lesson.
✓ Make an anticipatory banner question—a BIG question they keep answering (they can post answers).
✓ List prior knowledge—start a K-W-L chart—start with the K and W.
✓ Post key vocabulary.
✓ Make a word web that begins here and continues through the lesson.

Developing the Lesson
✓ Students in pairs or trios make chart of their new learning.
✓ Post key points as you make them.
✓ Post directions for activities.
✓ Put an outline on chalkboard or chart, teacher/students provide information as they listen/read/work on project.

Culmination—concluding with clarity
✓ Post a summary statement
✓ Complete the L (K-W-L)