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## **Fostering Responsibility**

The other thing I would say is that it's really important to give the kids ownership of the club.

So one idea that we came up with was training the eighth graders to take care of all the supplies. So taking them out and putting them away at the beginning and the end of the club. And we had a closet with a lock so it kind of almost was like a ceremony of, I'm going to give you the combination of the lock. And now you have this responsibility. You're going to take out supplies for the club and distribute them to the other kids in the club. And then at the end of the club, you're going to put them away, you're going to lock the closet. And it really was a smashing success. The eighth graders felt like really like important that they were sort of entrusted with this, and then they took the job really seriously and we kind of pumped up the seventh graders towards the end, like next year we're going to pass the combination to you and you're going to be in charge.

Before. before we did that, it was a really huge undertaking for the teachers getting all the supplies out, putting them away. And and once we turned it over to the eighth grade, I think it really made them feel like this is our club and our materials, our supplies. And then it also for, as a teacher, it just made my job so much easier.

Somewhere along the way, somebody gave us the idea to give each kid their own bin like a small, almost like a shoebox size, bin then we put their name on and they keep their sort of weekly supplies. They keep their notebook in there, and any little projects they're working on. That is a tip that I wish I had thought of my first year before. We used to be scrambling around trying to find everybody's projects and it just saved us a lot of time and effort. I would really recommend we get a little bin for each kid, put their name on it, and then the eighth graders pass those out when we start our club.