

From The Classroom:

One teacher's system for storing, retrieving, and putting away science notebooks

Rachel is a science teacher for grades 1 – 5 in Oakland, CA. Multiple groups of students store and use their science notebooks in her classroom, and she shared a little bit about the routines she uses in her classroom.



“Student notebooks are stored in plastic milk crates, each class has their own crate. 1st-5th graders have notebooks, and there are 2 classes per grade, so there are 10 crates.

I store crates stacked up in a corner of my classroom.”

“Before class starts, I place student notebooks in a stack of 4 at their assigned table, away from their workspace.

When it is time to do notebook work, students help pass out notebooks to each other at their tables.”



“At the end of notebook work time, students pass their notebooks to a designated "**notebook leader**" who stacks up notebooks and puts them back in the crate. That way, the entire group's notebooks are stacked up together and I can easily pull out notebooks 4 at a time to put on their tables for the next class.”