Strategies for Arranging the Physical Classroom Space

How is a language-based classroom best arranged? See the ideas and links below for some suggestions:

❖ Implement a clear seating arrangement
❖ Ensure that classroom materials are easily accessible
  (textbooks, markers, paper, etc.)
❖ Provide familiar templates for writing and reading
  (TWO-COLUMN NOTES, ACTIVE READING NOTES, PROBLEM SOLVING)
❖ Post maps and related visuals on the walls
❖ Post language and grammar rules on the classroom walls
  (types of sentences, parts of speech, etc.)
Strategies for Maintaining Classroom Routines

How can routines be established and followed in a language-based classroom? See the ideas and links below for some suggestions:

- Explain the content and language objective of each lesson plan
- Post the daily agenda on the board that outlines the amount of time for each activity
- **DESIGN LESSON PLANS** to include direct instruction, guided practice, independent work and assessment
  - each should target one aspect of language (reading, writing, listening or speaking)
- Post classroom expectations
- Post monthly calendar with due dates for short and long-term assignments
- Implement notebook organization and **INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOK USE**
- Manage transitions into/out of/within activities
- Write homework assignments on the board and check students’ assignment notebooks
- Provide **TIME MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES** for independent work
- Use **METACOGNITIVE STRATEGIES** to support **STUDENT REFLECTIONS**