COOKING UP SOME GREAT BULLETIN BOARDS

Here are three bulletin boards for the price of one!
Cover your bulletin board with a red checked picnic table cloth and create a chef character (using one of the clip art chefs on the following pages). Then using posterboard create the three different recipe cards. If you begin with A Successful School Year, this easily transitions into A Recipe for Success, and then Serving Up Great Stories.

Recipe: A Successful School Year
Ingredients:
Abundant love for Jesus
A bunch of sixth graders: Alice, Emily, Eric, Jason, Kyle, Karen, Wendy, Wes
A heaping helping of fifth graders: Aaron, Becki, Carla, Frank, Hanna, Molly, Paul
Plenty of hardwork generously sprinkled with fun and excitement for learning.
Add to these...faith; to faith, add goodness; and to goodness, add knowledge; and to knowledge, add self-control; and to self-control add perseverance; and to perseverance, add service to God; and to service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love. If all these things are in you and are growing they will help you never to be useless. They will help increase your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and help to make your lives better. (paraphrase of 2 Peter 1:5-8)

DIRECTIONS:
To make this recipe card tape together two pieces of poster board. Then, using different colored markers, write in the recipe as shown on the sample card. Make sure to change the information to be pertinent to your grade and students. Add a decorative top.
OUR RECIPE FOR SUCCESS:

INGREDIENTS:

• BE POSITIVE ABOUT YOURSELF AND OTHERS
• USE YOUR SELF-CONTROLS
• BE NICE TO OTHERS
• RESPECT ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE SCHOOL VICINITY.

DIRECTIONS:
To make this recipe card tape together two pieces of poster board. Use bulletin board letters to fill in the titles, as shown in the sample. Next, under Ingredients write your classroom rules. If you would like to use this as an activity, work with students to develop their own set of classroom ingredients for a successful school year. (This sample was developed by a group of fifth and sixth graders.)
To assemble this bulletin board purchase some sturdy paper plates, plastic tableware, and napkins. Have each student trace the bottom of a paper plate onto a white sheet of paper. Students should cut out the circle. In the circle, have students draw and color a picture representing a book they have read. Make sure they label the picture with the book title and author. Then glue the pictures to the inside of the paper plate. Have students choose a pretty construction paper place mat. Arrange plate, plasticware, and napkins on place mat then glue in place. Staple place mats to the bulletin board.

Alternative Activities: Have students author their own stories and write them on a white circle to glue in the middle of a paper plate. Plan a picnic lunch and invite parents to come hear the stories the students have written. When finished attach plates to the bulletin board.