

activities can also be used to illustrate metric units of length, area, and volume; containers marked in liters and milliliters and scales calibrated in grams are likely to be part of the available science equipment.

11. Teaching materials can often be homemade or acquired with little cost. Perhaps a local bank or hardware store is giving away meter sticks as a publicity item. We can always create homemade games - metric bingo, for example, where a square array of metric measurements is displayed and equivalent metric measurements are called out - which can be produced on ditto sheets. Some canned goods in stores already carry dual labeling and are easily obtained as display items; these are also appropriate for a unit on consumer education.

All in all, in the flurry of newness over teaching the metric system and the competing demands for adoption of instructional materials, the teacher's own common sense remains, as always, the best guide.

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