



Surviving Without A Lesson Plan

Rules of Thumb:

- **Priority: Maintain a safe classroom environment.**
- **Notify front office.**
- **Seek Support: team lead, neighboring teacher, instructional coach**
- **Be a Detective: Look for schedules, routines, helpers.**
- **Breakout your toolkit!**

A few simple ideas....

- [Speed Spelling](#) (K-3)
- [The Price Is Right](#) (2-8)
- [Words in Five](#) (2-8)
- **Study hall (Middle School/High School)**
- **Read aloud (All)**

Resources:

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