

Lesson #22: Skip the chaos! Teach with a predictable schedule.

A predictable schedule is like an extra helper that is always present in your classroom.

Kids love doing and seeing new things, but they thrive in predictability. Why not give them both? Create a regular structure for your classes that both teachers and kids come to expect. Fill that structure with rich learning experiences that bring the truths you are teaching to life. And, you will find that even when a different teacher teaches, the familiar structure helps create continuity that in turn helps create a great learning environment.

Lesson #22: Questions for You in Your Ministry Setting:

1. What is the session time like for your ministry setting?
2. Is there a regular order to what activities happen when?
3. If there is not, what benefit might there be to creating one?
4. If you do try to create one, what order would be most helpful?
5. Have you observed a certain order being better with the children? Why was that better?
6. Have you observed a certain order being worse with the children? Why was it worse?
7. If you use a rotation of teachers to teach the children, does everyone use the same schedule? How does this make teaching more difficult? How could you systematize the schedule from teacher to teacher?