

The Always-Have-It Supply List for R4 Classrooms

It helps to be prepared. In the 1-Room Sunday School lessons and the 6th-8th grade lessons, especially, there are a number of items that are required more than once.

Here is a list of the more frequently named supplies that are found in the R4 lessons.

- **Blindfolds** - best way to I've found to make these is to get a large sheet of fabric and cut/rip large squares from this fabric (like oversized bandanas). Make 15 to 20 of them. Fold them and keep them in a Tupperware-like container. To use them, fold them diagonally, a few times, then wrap around the head, covering the eyes, and knot it in back.
- **Foam balls** - About 7" in diameter, somewhat dense but without an outer coating, these are not easy to find, even online. And, they can be expensive. You shouldn't ever need more than 3, unless you are planning to play team dodgeball. Try looking for them on Amazon: http://www.amazon.com/Poof-Slinky-1-FOAM-BALLS/dp/B000ID32OK/ref=sr_1_5?ie=UTF8&qid=1320863698&sr=8-5
- **Rope** - Buy a 1/4" diameter 100 foot-long rope (hardware stores are good places for this). Cut it into sections of 50', 30', 10', 5', and 5'
- **Cones** - It's always good to have 6 orange plastic cones stacked and sitting in a office corner (little plastic ones work just fine)
- **Pencils** - sharpened, in Tupperware-type containers and ready to go.
- **Crayons/colored pencils** - store same as pencils
- **Scissors** - store same as pencils and crayons
- **Stack of old newspapers** - you never know when you'll need to destroy some paper
- **Construction paper** - a hardy tried-and-true standby.
- **Glue sticks** - less messy than liquid glue. Can be stored in Tupperware-like containers. Dry-out is pretty hard to prevent though.
- **Paper plates** - these are useful place-markers in activities that have lots of movement. Also come in very handy during Arts & Craft-like activities as well.
- **Playing Cards** - at least two decks, each with 52 cards and 1 Joker
- **Dice** - just one or two. They are useful in the science-like classes.
- **A boombox w/cd player** - I know that the mp3 player market has pretty much erased boomboxes from stores, but if you can find a boombox, get it. They are very convenient things to have.
- **Digital Camera/Camcorder** - these are a little more expensive than other items on the list, but come in very handy.
- **A TV w/ DVD player** - movie clips factor heavily in R4 lessons. If you are buying a TV, get one that allows for laptops to hook up to them.
- **Duct Tape** - Even in a high-tech world, duct tape is king!
- **Painters tape** - This tape is a slightly expensive, but is worth the cost since it keeps your wall paint intact.
- **Whiteboard or Easel with pad of paper** - For the older grades, this is a needed tool in helping a class focus when brainstorming.
- **Bibles** - Part of Biblical literacy is knowing how to use a Bible (like knowing that Bibles have an index and table of contents). My concern isn't so much about students knowing book, chapter and verse. My concern is that the Bible is becoming this strange, rare artifact that is referred to from time to time, but never seen.