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Why I wait until spring for more involved games
1. Establish routine and procedures first
2. Everything in the fall is new and exciting (Episode 7)
3. The last 9 weeks we need some bells & whistles

Links to articles on most of these can be found in the shownotes at Crossing the Break.com.

Jeopardy
More money, higher difficulty
Other team can steal for 1/2 credit
If students aren’t participating, they lose points for their team

Drop Out
Have kids start by standing; when they sit, they keep playing
Take time to introduce it correctly - honor system, for teacher evaluation purposes, only get worried if they don’t know they messed up...
After playing a number of times, make a bigger deal about winners
Post names on poster/paper on wall for different contests last 9 weeks
Chromatic scale champion - silly crown, special nametag etc.

Connect 4
Can do a simple/quicker version with tic-tac-toe
Back and forth between teams earning tokens
If they are not staying engaged, they lose a turn

Beat the Band Director
You beat them on their own instrument or a secondary instrument
Play it over and over for each child to show them consistency
Try to be sure some kids beat you - pick things that are challenging for you even if they are more challenging than the kids’ assignment

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