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Try It

IF YOUR middle school has an orientation session for incoming fifth- or sixth-grade students, take some time to escort the new students around the building, and later test their knowledge on the layout, suggests middle school science teacher Gregory Grambo of Elmhurst, N.Y. After his tour, Grambo sets up a game in which he tells students where he needs to go and asks them to take him there. Spend a few minutes each day for about a week playing this game, he says, "and in no time, the students all know their way around the building."