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I had a little bit of a conflict this week. It happened in my 7th grade PE class. I had a student being distractive during SSR. SSR is our reading time when everyone is supposed to be quiet and reading. This student was not reading and making noises to distract the class. I mentioned to the student that he needed to stop otherwise; he would be sitting out for the day. The student stopped. During our warm-up the student tackled another student, while they were running. I went over to the two students and broke them up, just by telling them to get off one another. I then, had the rest of the class continue to run while I talked to the two students. I asked them what the problem was and the student that did the tackling said the other student was talking about his mom. I briefly talked to the two students and sat them both out for the day. I made them read a magazine article and write a page summary about the article. I also had them explain why they thought they were out for the day. The student who tackled the other student refused to do the article. I explained to him that he was going to sit out until he turned in his article, and I would give him a new one each day. I also threatened to email his parents. After the short discussion, I went on with the class with the two students sitting against the wall, away from the class and each other, but still in my view. After a while of just sitting there, I saw the student finally start to write his article. When I collected his article and his excuse for not participating it was very good. He was very apologetic and sorry for his actions. After class I talked to the two students together and they were very sorry. The student who got tackled started to cry and said that he would not be talking about anyone's family members anymore. They both said they would not be a problem in my class anymore. So far, they have been very good. I think my discipline strategy worked.