

Abbott Elementary Beat Sheet

Storylines:

A Story: When Janine’s classroom rug is in need of replacement, she sets out to push for emergency funds in an effort to prove that the new teachers are just as capable as the more senior teachers

B Story: When one of the newer teachers gets into a fight with one of the students, Principal Ava hires substitute teacher Gregory Eddie to take over her class

Cold Open:

- A. Janine Teagues introduces us to Abbott Elementary, a Philadelphia elementary school often neglected by the city, where the teachers make do with their lack of resources. A student pees on the rug. **(A)**
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Act One:

- B. Barbara Howard’s class is distracted by the noise Janine’s class is making as they dance to a song, so she comes to Janine to ask her to tone it down. Janine observes that Barbara is able to maintain more respect from the kids. **(A)**
 - C. Tina, one of the new teachers, expresses that she’s having trouble with her class and needs an aide. Janine suggests new rugs. Ava shuts down both ideas because it “costs too much money” **(A & B)**
 - D. Janine tries to rally up support for new rugs from the other teachers, but the more senior teachers don’t believe it’ll do any good, and that working with what they have is the way to go. **(A)**
 - E. Tina gets into a fight with one of the students **(B)**
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Act Two

- F. Mrs. Schwartz gets fired and Ava puts Mr. Johnson, the school janitor, in charge of the class until she can get a substitute. Janine gets Ava to allow her to request an emergency fund for what the teachers need **(A & B)**
 - G. Gregory Eddie, the substitute, arrives at the school, and gets some awkward first impressions from some of the other staff **(B)**
 - H. While Janine is sending her request for emergency funds, a student throws up. Janine takes her to the bathroom to get cleaned up, where she encounters Gregory, who is there with a student who peed on himself and is unable to get much done with the broken toilet having splashed all over him. **(A & B)**
 - I. When Janine turns to Barbara for extra eyes on her emergency fund request email, Barbara expresses her doubts that the email will actually get addressed **(A)**
 - J. Ava requests for all the teachers to gather outside of the school, where she shows what she's done with the emergency fund money: bought a sign with her face on it. **(A)**
 - K. Frustrated, Janine sends an email to the superintendent about what Ava has done. Because the superintendent has emails bounced back to Ava, Ava finds out about it and calls for a staff meeting during lunch. **(A)**
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Act Three

- L. In the meeting, Ava tries to get the other teachers as well as a student to tell Janine what they find wrong with her. Eventually, Janine leaves and the other teachers follow her, in agreement with Janine. **(A)**
 - M. Back in front of Janine's classroom, the teachers discuss another use for the rug: one of the students sleeps on it during lunch because he doesn't get enough at home. **(A)**
 - N. One of Melissa's acquaintances brings a rug for Janine. Janine better understands that she can both work with what she has while maintaining her optimism and gains confidence in her abilities as a teacher at Abbott. **(A)**
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- O. Janine tries to fix the bathroom toilet using a video tutorial. She fails.