

# Missed

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The absence  
Of packing your bag  
Or hellos in the hallways  
Makes a difference  
Larger than one might expect  
Without break; without lunch  
Effortless ways to be with people  
Realization comes that maybe  
Subconsciously  
You needed school  
And miss it now  
School is routine  
No more practice at three  
No more seeing your friends  
You miss that  
You miss the monotone ring of the bell  
Signaling dread, signaling relief  
The bright, shiny gym floor  
For laps and badminton  
You miss school