



INDOORS, OUTDOORS ✿ GRADES 2-6 ✿ FALL, WINTER, SPRING ✿ ACTIVITY

Group Juggle

DESCRIPTION

Children toss balls and learn one another's names.

OBJECTIVE

To learn everyone's name and build a sense of community.

MATERIALS

- ✿ 5 different shaped, soft balls, each small enough to fit in one hand
- ✿ stopwatch or timer

ACTION

1. Gather in a circle and have everyone put both hands up in front of themselves.
2. Explain the game: *I'm going to say someone's name, and then toss this ball to him/her. Then that person will catch the ball, say a new name, toss the ball to the new person, and then put his/her hands down. We'll keep going until everyone has had the ball.*
3. Practice. Once everyone has had the ball, have the final student toss it back to you.
4. Now have everyone point to the person they threw the ball to. With the other hand, have them point to the person who threw the ball to them.
5. Ask if they think they can do the same thing, in the same order, but faster.
6. Start the timer, then repeat.
7. Announce the time it took.
8. Ask for suggestions of how to make the process even faster. (*Make eye contact with the person before you throw the ball, or make the circle smaller.*)
9. Repeat, attempting to speed up.
10. Add more balls. Once one is going, start another one. Keep adding until you've got 5 balls going at once, all in the same order.
11. Again, brainstorm ways to make it quicker, and time each round.

WRAP UP

What helped us speed up? How did we work together to achieve our goal? How might this type of teamwork help us out in the garden? After doing that, who thinks he/she remembers everyone's name?