

5 FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KINDER TO 8TH GRADE





SKILL FOCUS

GROUP SIZE

EQUIPMENT

LOCATION

roups of 10-15

Socialization, memory, teamwork



SETUP

Have your children form a circle, if you have existing lines, use that.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Once your students are in a circle, pick one child to stand in the middle.
- Next, choose one child to start the game. This child will say their name followed by an object that starts with the first letter. For example, the first child may say "my name is Pat and I like pears." Both words start with a 'P.'
- 3 Then, the next child does the same pattern. Follow this pattern until every child in the circle does this.
- Next, the child in the middle must try to repeat what they learned in order by starting with "Pat who likes pears" trying to remember what each child said.
- S Rotate the child in the middle and start the process again. This is a great way for the children to learn each other's name and personalities.



ABOUT

A socialization activity where children in the class and to tell the class something about them that is fact and then fiction.



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SKILL FOCUS

Socialization, memory, teamwork

GROUP SIZE

Groups of 10-15

EQUIPMENT



No equipment

LOCATION



Inside or outside

SAFETY



Motionless game, no concerns

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MODIFICATIONS

To make it harder, increase the size of the groups.



A fun memory game where the kids get to know each other by remembering everyone's name along with a rhyming word for their name.



SKILL FOCUS



🐈 Socialization, running

GROUP SIZE



No limit

EQUIPMENT



music 👚

LOCATION



Inside or outside

SAFETY

Children should be aware of each other so they do not bump into one another

SETUP

Spread your students around the room without a partner. Have music ready to play that they would enjoy listening to.

INSTRUCTIONS

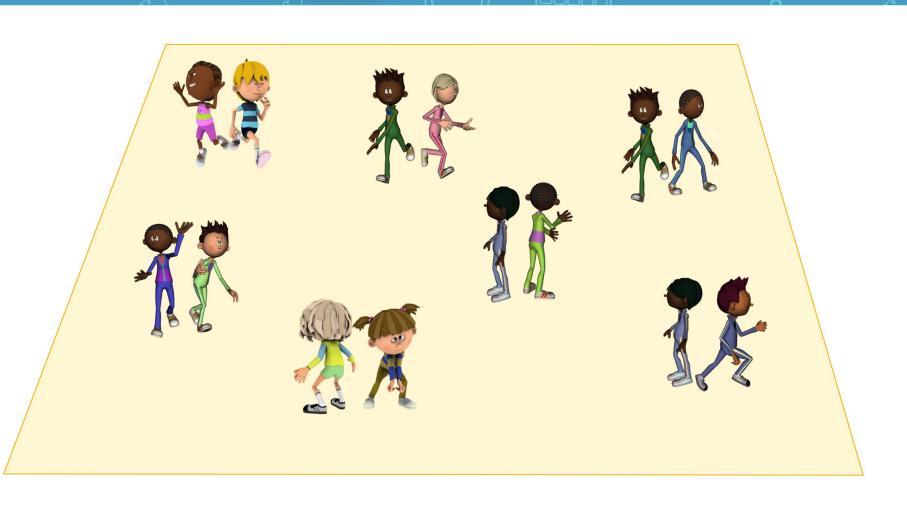
- The purpose of this activity is to get children to learn about their classmates by engaging in conversation.
- Spread the children out all over your room.
- Explain to them when the music comes on, they should jog by themselves all around the room.
- When the music stops, they are to find a partner and stand back to back.
- Once back to back, the teacher will say 'go' and they face each other. Each child has to tell their partner one thing about them that may be interesting.
- After 30 seconds, the teacher will put the music on and the process starts again, but when the music goes off, they have to go back to back with a new friend.

MODIFICATIONS

For older children, you can increase the time limit from 30 seconds to 1 minute.



A fun game where the children will randomly find a partner where they have to talk tor 30 seconds.



A Running Introduction

SKILL FOCUS



Socialization, memory

GROUP SIZE



No limit

EQUIPMENT



No equipment

LOCATION



Inside or outside

SAFETY

Children should be aware of each other so they do not bump into one another

SETUP

Have your children line up on one end line of the room. No other equipment is needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

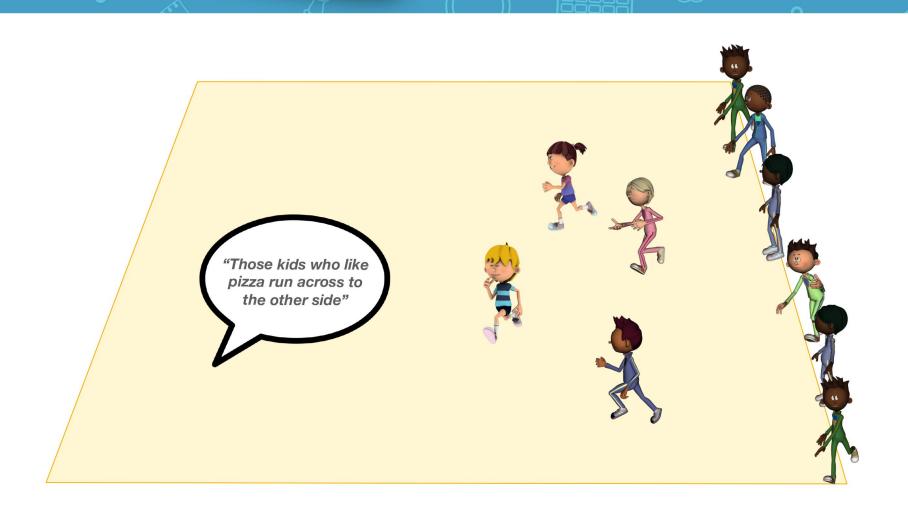
- In your room, have your children line up on one of the end lines of the room.
- The teacher will then call out various statements that may apply to children.
- For example, the teacher may say, "Those of you who like pizza."
- If a child likes pizza, they run across the room to the opposite end line.
- Next, the teacher calls out another statement such as "Those of you who like the New York Yankees." Again, those kids who like the Yankees must run from one end line to the other end line.
- The children need to be aware of other children. As kids are moving to the other end lines, there will be opportunities for children to run past other children going in the opposite direction when moving.

MODIFICATIONS

To make it harder, increase the size of the groups.



A running introduction game where children learn fun facts about other children in their class.



compliment came

SKILL FOCUS



👚 Socialization, running

GROUP SIZE



No limit

EQUIPMENT



Paper, pencil

LOCATION



Inside or outside

SAFETY

Children should be aware of each other so they do not bump into one another

SETUP

Give each student a pencil and piece of paper. Spread your students around the room without a partner. Have music ready to play that they would enjoy listening to.

INSTRUCTIONS

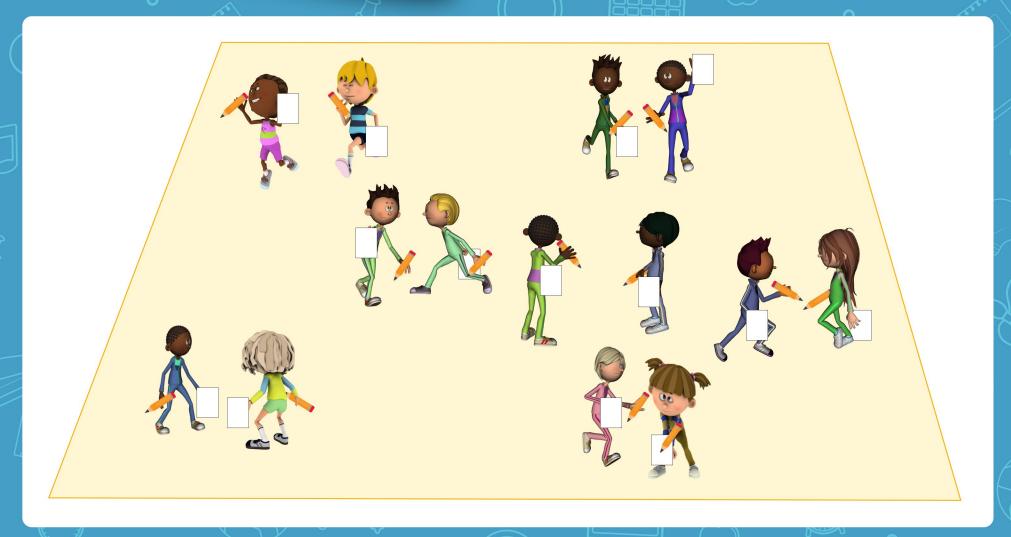
- The purpose of this activity is to have students learn positive behavior by complimenting a classmate.
- Spread the children out all over your room.
- Play music lightly in the background.
- Tell the children they have 15 minutes to walk around the room and make contact with each classmate.
- When they come in contact with a fellow student, they exchange papers.
- When they get their classmates paper, they have to write down one compliment about their classmate. Once completed, they give the paper back.
- Students must try to get to every student in the class in that 15 minute period.

MODIFICATIONS

For older children, you can have them write down two compliments.



A socialization activity where children in the class will compliment other students.





SKILL FOCUS



Socialization, cognitive skills

GROUP SIZE



No limit

EQUIPMENT



None

LOCATION



Inside or outside

SAFETY



No safety concerns

SETUP

Have the group of students gather together and pick one child to come in front of the class.

INSTRUCTIONS

- The purpose of this activity is to have students feel positive about communicating with other students in an effort to break the ice.
- Have the children gather in the room and pick one child to come to the front of the class.
- The child in front of the class must tell their classmates two things that are facts about them and one thing that is fiction.
- Then, the other students in the class have to guess the one statement that is fiction.
- When completed, have the next child come in front of the class until everyone gets a turn.
- This is a great ice breaking activity for the students to get to know each other.

MODIFICATIONS

For older children, you can have them tell the class 3 facts and 2 fictions.



A socialization activity where children in the class and to tell the class something about them that is fact and then fiction.

