

Coffee and Chat Information Sheet

November: Bringing the FUN into your school day

Pinterest search ideas: kids games using _____ (clothespins, ping pong balls, etc), brain break, indoor games, rainy day games,

Binder clips - index card, flashcard, etc is placed in the binder clip so the black part of the clip is on the bottom of the card. This allows the card to stand. Child picks the correct answer by

- Moving like an animal (duck, snake, elephant, lion, frog, bear, crab, etc)
- Walk backwards
- Throw a ball to hit the correct answer
- Use a nerf gun to hit the correct answer
- Ride on a square scooter (gym class style scooter)
- Race to get the correct card and come back

Clothespins

- See binder clip section
- Tie clothesline rope between 2 chairs (tie it high enough that it isn't at a child's neck level)
- Clothespin drop: place answers on plastic cups, race to drop the clothespin in the cup with the correct answer

Pocket chart

- Create rugs using basic colors
 - When the child guesses they have to say the color in a different language
 - hide pictures, flashcards, etc about concept you're teaching behind each rug
- Use for hundred chart

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- Jeopardy style game
- Build a silly sentence
- Multiplication table
- Prefix, suffix and root words
- Place value

Obstacle course

Place correct answers throughout the obstacle course bring back the correct answers

Painter's tape

- Create mazes and blow a cotton ball or ping pong ball through the maze using a straw
- Use to create a path in an obstacle course
- Create roads to drive vehicles along, have pit stops with questions or flashcards
- Use it to hold strips of construction paper in an arch on the floor. Create a golf game. If you don't have a plastic golf club hit a ball with a paper towel tube or a paper plate or a straw and ping pong balls
- Make a spiders web on the floor, place questions or flashcards at the intersections of the web

Flashcards

- Use an index card to write an action, slide the index cards into the deck of flashcards
- Place them along an obstacle course
- Hide through the house and kids go on a treasure hunt to find them (you might need to create a location key to remember where you placed the cards)

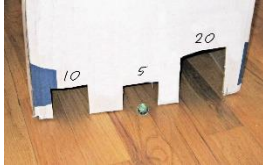
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Boxes:



- The above game can be used for math concepts
- Different questions or flashcards could be clipped to the box opening using binder clips. They keep every flashcard they correctly answer

Create board games

- Use yard sale circle dots to create a path
- Create printable games using Canva or Inkscape
 - Inkscape is a free program similar to Photoshop

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“Nothing lights up a child’s brain like play.” ~ Dr Stuart Brown, M.D.

“Play is the beginning of knowledge.” ~ George Dorsey

“Play is not a break from learning. It is endless, delightful, deep, engaging, practical learning. It’s the doorway into the child’s heart!” ~ Vince Gowmon

“People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing.” ~ Dale Carnegie

“Play and playful forms of activity potentially lead towards increasingly complex forms of knowledge, skills and understanding.” ~ Elizabeth Wood

“Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn.” ~ O. Fred Donaldson

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