

Games



Play large-group games.
(25 minutes)

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Inflated balloons, 1 per child
- Paper plates, 1 per child
- 40 sheets of newspaper
- 4 rolls of masking tape
- 8 garbage bags
- Paper, 1 sheet per child

LARGE-GROUP GAME: BALLOON BUSTER

Materials: One inflated balloon and one paper plate per student

Object of game: To be the last one with an unpopped balloon

How to play: Each player receives an inflated balloon and a paper plate.

Choose two students to be the “busters.” The busters do not receive a balloon or plate.

Their job is to pop any balloons that hit the floor. Everyone else will try to keep his balloon in the air using only the paper plate. If a balloon hits the floor, a player may put it back in the air with the plate as long as a buster doesn’t grab and pop it first. Any student whose balloon gets popped now becomes another buster.

LARGE-GROUP GAME: KING AND QUEEN OF GARBAGE

Materials: 40 sheets of newspaper and four rolls of masking tape (or dodge balls), eight garbage bags

Object of game: To be the first team to have your king and queen reach the middle line of the room.

How to play: Before the game begins, divide the group into just two teams, and give each team 20 sheets of newspaper (or any thin paper available) and two rolls of masking tape. They need to crumple up the newspaper and tape it to make a ball (If the materials aren’t available, just use dodgeballs). Each team must stay on its designated side of the room (like in dodgeball). Each team must choose one king and one queen. The king and queen stand at the back wall on one of the garbage bags. The queen has her own bag, and the king has his own bag. The object of the game is for the king and queen to make it to the middle line. In order to move forward, the other players on the team must put one of the extra garbage bags down in front of the king and queen. The king and queen must walk only on the garbage bags and may not touch the floor or the bags (except with the bottoms of their feet, of course) as they make their way to the middle line. The other students on the team are warriors who must defend their king and queen by deflecting any “garbage” (the wads of newspaper) that is thrown at them. At the same time, they are trying to hit the opposing team’s king and queen with “garbage.” If a king or queen is hit, then he or she chooses a replacement, but the replacement king or queen must start over at the back wall.

LARGE-GROUP GAME: LEAPFROG LILY PAD

Materials: One sheet of paper per student

Object of game: To be the last person on a lily pad

How to play: Spread pieces of newspaper around the room. (Put out one piece less than the number of players.) Tell the students that these newspapers represent lily pads. The students are all frogs. When the game's leader says, "Swim," all the frogs will have to walk around the room but may not touch the lily pads. When the game's leader says, "Leap frog lily pad," all the frogs need to find a lily pad (one frog per pad). Any frog that cannot find a lily pad is out and must return to his or her team line. After each round, the game's leader should pick up one or two of the lily pads so that the frogs will be eliminated one or two at a time. The last frog to be eliminated is the winner, and his or her team will receive points for this game.