

Springtime Fun

Movement – Activity: Pin the Raindrop to the Sky

Objective:

This activity reinforces turn-taking, gross motor, and fine motor skills in a theme-based version of the classic "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" party game.

Materials:

- Sequence strip or large sequence panels (provided)
- Spring image pages (provided)
- Raindrop images (provided)
- Scissors

- Black permanent marker
- Blindfold
- Masking tape

Preparation:

- I. Print, laminate, and cut out:
 - a. Sequence strip or large sequence panels
 - b. Raindrop images (I raindrop per student)
- 2. Choose to prepare the traditional-sized sequence strip, or use the large sequence panels to create a larger sequence strip by arranging the images in order, taping them together, and laminating.
- 3. Prepare the spring image onto which students will be "pinning" raindrops:
 - a. Print the spring image pages (I set for the entire class).
 - b. Laminate and cut along the dashed lines.
 - c. Carefully align the pages of the spring image before taping the quadrants together to form one large image.
- 4. Tape the spring image to a wall or whiteboard at students' sight level.
- Using a permanent marker, write one student's name or initials on each raindrop image.
- 6. Roll pieces of masking tape to be placed on the back of each student's raindrop image.
- 7. Have the sequence strip or large sequence panels on hand, and refer to them throughout the activity to quide students.

Instructions:

- I. Instruct students to sit where they can see the spring image, and hand each student their raindrop.
- 2. Ask students whether they have ever played "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." Tell them that today they are going to play a game a lot like that, except they will be "pinning raindrops to the spring sky."
- 3. Choose a student, and give that student a tape circle to put on the back of their raindrop.
- 4. Place the blindfold on the student.
 - a. Note: Some students may have a hard time with the blindfold. If this is the case, prompt the student to close their eyes instead, or skip this step entirely.
- 5. Spin the student in place several times, and then quide them a few steps forward toward the spring image.
- 6. Assist the student as necessary to place their raindrop on (or near) the spring image.
- 7. Repeat Steps 3-6 until each student has had a turn.

Suggestions for Differentiation:

Level I:

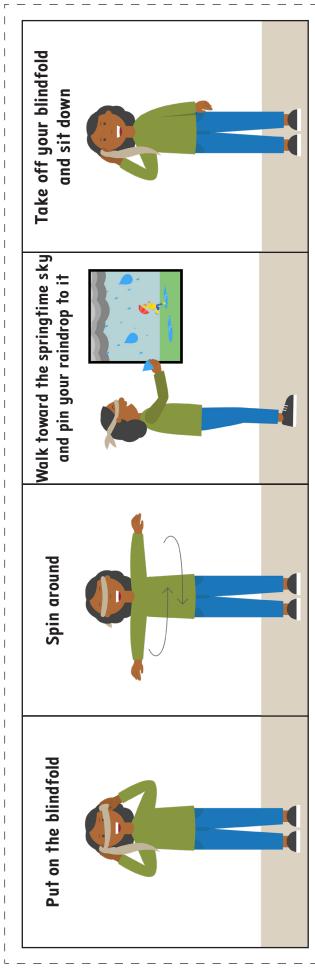
• Provide the cue "do this," and model the action.

Level 2:

• Explain the activity using one-step directions, and teach the student to reference the sequence strip when needed.

Level 3:

• Explain the activity using multi-step directions.



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