



Friendship

Circle: Activity - Bean Bag Hello Game

Objective:

This activity reinforces hand-eye coordination and gross motor skills as students work together to complete a physical task grounded in cooperation and encouragement.

Materials:

- Visual sequence strip (provided)
 - Bean bags (1)
 - Pictures of students
 - Bag or basket
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Duration: 10 to 15 minutes

Preparation:

1. Print, laminate, and cut out the visual sequence strip.
2. Print pictures and write the student's name below each corresponding picture.
3. Cut out student pictures and place them in a basket or bag.
4. Have visual sequence strip on hand and refer to it throughout activity to guide students.



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Activity Script:

We recommend using the following verbal cues as you model each step.

1. **"For this activity, we will take turns tossing the bean bag and saying 'hello' to our friends."**
[As you walk students through each step of the activity, point to its corresponding step on the visual sequence strip. Indicate the bean bag.]
2. **"To get started, I would like everyone to sit/stand in a circle."**
[Assist students in forming a circle around the bean bags.]
3. **"In this bag/basket are cards with your pictures and names on them. Our first step is to reach into the bag/basket and pull out a card. I'll go first."**
[Pull a picture card from the bag/basket and show it to the class.]
4. **"Now, I am going to look at the picture on the card and read the name below it."**
[Examine the pulled card again and identify the student on the card.]
5. **"Next, I am going to say 'Hello, _____' to the person who is on my card. Make sure to say your classmate's name when you say hello. Then I'm going to gently toss the bean bag to the person on the card."**
[Demonstrate saying "hello, [student's name]" before tossing the bean bag toward the student on the card. If you miss, emphasize that you still tried your best.]
6. **"If the bean bag is tossed to you, make sure you say 'hello' back to the person who just said 'hello' to you. Now it's the next person's turn. The student who caught the bean bag gets to pull a card from the bag/basket."**
[Pass the bag/basket to the student who caught the bean bag. Encourage them to pull a card, identify the student on the card, and toss the bean bag in the correct direction while greeting the student by name.]
7. **"Let's keep it going. After you've pulled a card and tossed the bean bag, pass the bag/basket of cards to the student who has the bean bag."**
[Continue until everyone has had a turn.]



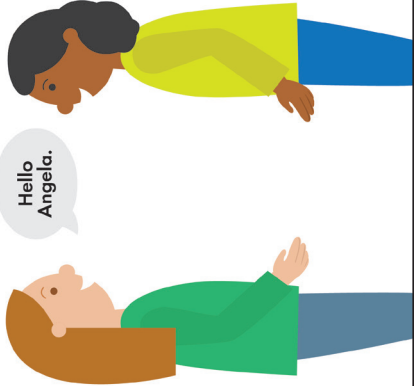



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Visual sequence strip:



<p>Pick a card</p> 	<p>Look at the picture and read the name</p> 	<p>Say hello to the person on your card</p> 	<p>Toss the bean bag to that person</p> 
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