Circle Activity: Three Little Pigs Bowling

Objective:

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

Materials:

- Visual sequence strip (provided)
- Straw and stick house images (provided)
- Water bottles (20 oz.) (6)
- Tennis ball
- Tape

Duration: 10 to 15 minutes

Preparation:

- 1. Print, laminate, and cut out the visual sequence strip.
- 2. Print the brick, straw and stick house images (3 of each for the entire class).
- 3. Put one inch of water in each water bottle before securing lids.
- 4. Tape one house image to each water bottle.
- 5. Set up bottles ("house pins") on the floor.
- 6. Have the 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.

- "Today we're going to pretend we're the big bad wolves. We're going to try to knock down the pigs' houses! To win, all you have to do is try your best and encourage your teammates."
 [As you walk students through each step of the activity, point to its corresponding step on the visual sequence strip. Indicate the house bowling pins and the "bowling ball."]
- 2. "I'm going to roll one first to show you how we do it safely. Watch me and then you can try."

 [Demonstrate rolling the ball on the ground toward the house pins. If you miss, emphasize that you still tried your best.]
- 3. "When I say, 'Go,' we're going to take turns trying to knock down the house pins. Can I have a volunteer to help set up the pins that get knocked down?"
 [Prompt students to encourage each other to try their best. Repeat until each student has had a turn bowling and helping set up the pins.]
- 4. "Now that we've all tried, let's talk about that game. Did everyone knock down all the pins?"

 [Discuss that not everyone knocked over all the pins, but that everyone tried their best and encouraged each other. Emphasize that the goal is not to win by knocking over all the pins; you win when you try your best.]



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Visual sequence strip:









