

Songs, Games and Activities:

The Pumpkin Queen:

Instructions: Children sit in a circle. Teacher has a long piece of yarn in a circle with a large bead on it. Children pass the bead as they sing. One child sits in the middle with crown and blindfold. Child who was hiding the treasure becomes new king/queen.

The Pumpkin Queen in her castle was

All night long a dreaming

The treasure gnomes in the castle were all night long a scheming

Rickity Tay, Rickity Tay, find the treasure and hide it away

Rickity Tay, Rickity Tay, find the treasure and hide it away

Rickity Tee, Rickity Tee, oh wake up Pumpkin Queen and see

Oh where oh where can my treasure be!

Rosy Apple:

Instructions: Can be played sitting in a circle with one or two children blindfolded or closing eyes. Or can be played as active game with small group. Circle Game: children pass apple while singing as one or two children close eyes. When song is over child(ren) have 3 guesses on who has the apple. Active Game: On the playground Children close eyes while teacher hides the apple somewhere on the playground. When song is done, children search for the apple. You can also do multiple apples and create a math game out of it.

Rosy apple, juicy apple, wandering around

Rosy apple, juicy apple, where can you be found

Looking here and looking there, round and round and everywhere.

Tall Tall Tree

Look at me, Im a tall tall tree

In Summer the breezes blow through me

I bend, I bend

Look at me, Im a tall tall tree

In Autumn the apples fall from me

They fall, they fall

Look at me, Im a tall tall tree

In Winter the snowflakes fall on me

They fall, they fall

Look at me, Im a tall tall tree

In Spring time the blossoms bloom on me

They bloom, they bloom

One Little Bird

One child starts as the lone bird on one side of the playground, while the rest of the children stand at the opposite end. The child picks a child to come back to the tree with them and then counts how many birds are now in the tree. The song is sung again and now each of the two children pick one child to come back, making 4 in the tree. Game continues until all birds are in the tree.

One little bird all alone in a tree

She was all alone and she didn't want to be

So she flew far away across the sea

And brought back a friend to live in the sea.

Warm up Clapping Game:

Arms up on odd numbers

Arms down on even numbers

Squat on the 5's

Start by going to 10 and then move to 20.

Hawk and Mouse Game:

Instructions: Hawk closes eyes and counts to 20 while mice hide. Hawk opens eyes and describes the mice that he can see. Those mice come climb into hawks nest. Hawk cannot move out of nest while searching for mice, only turn around. (Can use a hula hoop to define space of nest) Once the Hawk cannot find any more mice, they close their eyes again and mice have to try and hide closer. Repeat until all mice are found or only one or two are left.

Owl and Mouse Game:

Owl picks a category (i.e. food) and each mice has to come up with a food item. Depending on how many syllables that word has that is how many steps the mouse can take away from the owl. Owl also gets to think of a word and gets to take that many steps towards the mice. If the owl reaches the mice before the mice get to the fence (or defined mouse nest area) those mice become owls. Continue until everyone is owls or all mice reach nest. Word category changes with each round of steps.

Pass the Rhythm:

Have children find two natural objects that make a sound. Have everyone gather in a circle with their two objects and spend a minute or two experimenting with the sounds. Have the teacher start a rhythm and pass the rhythm around the circle. You can add an element of saying the person's name as you pass them the rhythm if it is the beginning of the school year. Once the rhythm gets back to the teacher, he/she can either change the rhythm and continue passing or put her arms up to quiet the group.

10 Frame with Sticks and Natural Materials:

Create a 10 frame with sticks or chalk and have children make different kinds of collections

Jump Rope Games:

Books:

Anna Banana Jump Rope Rhymes

Street Rhymes from around the world

Transition Games:

Marching Game:

Hi Ho cried the merry dwarfs

It's off to the playground/classroom we go

We'd like to stay but time is short

Hi Ho cried the merry dwarfs

Find a color/shape:

Have children look for something of a certain color/shape on their way outside or inside.

Transition Song:

If you are ready to go outside; clap 3 times for me

If you are ready to go outside; touch your nose for me

Jobs for outside:

Sherpa- Helps Teacher carry materials outside and inside

Meteorologist- Gives weather report before getting dressed to go outside. Graphs temp/ Rain Guage

Bard- Retells a story about something that happened that week/day on the playground

Naturalist- Looks up plants, trees, birds, animals.

Horticulturist- Observes/records plant growth

Ornithologist- Fills birdfeeders, records bird sightings, id's birds