GROUP JUGGLING

Ready...

SPARK

ACTIVITY

• 1 ball or other small manipulative per group of 5-7

Set...

- Students in circles of 5-7, scattered within boundaries.
- Each group with ball/manipulative.

GO!

- 1. The object is to cooperate with others in the group by passing a tossable object in sequence.
- 2. Play begins with a toss across the circle to anyone not next to you.
- 3. Passing continues until everyone has received a pass and the ball returns to the 1st person. Repeat, using same sequence.
- 4. Once you have successfully passed in sequence 3 times, add a 2nd ball. When you are successful with 2, try it with 3 balls simultaneously.



CHALLENGES

- How quickly can you get the ball back to the 1st player 5X?
- How many tossable objects can your group use without dropping?



CUES

- No one can catch it twice, until everyone in your group catches it once.
- Remember who passes the ball to you, and who you pass the ball to.
- Hands up, ready to receive a pass.
- Keep your eyes on the person who passes to you.

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*SPARK*IT UP!

Freeze Ball

Begin Group Juggling with 1 ball for about 15-20 seconds. On "FREEZE!" whoever has ball holds it overhead. All others in the group quickly move to line up behind ball holder. They pass the ball overhead (over) to the next in line; that person passes it through their legs (under) to the next person. This continues until the ball is at the end of the line. Then, all form a circle again, and continue with Group Juggling in the same sequence previously established.

Quick Touch

I'll call out a body part every few seconds. You quickly touch the body part I call out, and maintain group juggle sequence.

Elevator

While juggling, start in a standing position, then move to kneeling, and finally, sitting. Now, back up to a standing position.

STANDARDS ADDRESSED

National PE Standards

Movement/Skills: Throwing, catching

Personal/Social: Cooperation, teamwork

Your State (Write in here)

FUN FACT

The International Juggling Association meets every year in July. They keep track of world juggling records. Nine balls is the record for 1 juggler. The ring record is 8, and the club record is 7. Juggling eggs and pet poodles is discouraged.

