

Language Arts

Reading

Beginning Letter Sounds Snowball Fight

Purpose: to introduce, enrich, and reinforce beginning letter sounds through physical activity.

Grade: K-1

Length



Activity



Materials

- Open space
- Pieces of paper with multiple letters of the alphabet

Advanced Prep

- Print/write and cut out letters that students have been practicing. There should be one letter on each piece of paper, and enough pieces of paper for each student to have one.

Procedure

- 1) Tell students they will be identifying some of the letters that they have been working on in class.
- 2) Hand each child a piece of paper with a letter printed on it.
- 3) Tell the students to crumple the paper up into a ball. Then tell them they will pretend that the paper is a snowball.
- 4) Explain to students that they will participate in a snowball fight with these pieces of paper.
- 5) On the “go” signal, they will try to hit other classmates’ feet with the snowballs.
- 6) After they throw their snowball, instruct them to quickly find another snowball on the ground and throw that one at a classmate’s feet.
- 7) Continue for 30 seconds or as long as you feel is sufficient.
- 8) Tell each student to pick up a snowball (any snowball will do) and have them open it up and identify their letter.
- 9) Tell students to find other students in the classroom who have that same letter on their snowball. When they have found each other, they should sit together on the floor as a team.
- 10) Once everyone is seated, have each student in each team think of a different word that begins with that letter, and have them share.

Cool Down

- Pretzel arms with deep breathing.

Suggestions/Modifications

- Tell students that they cannot crawl on the floor for safety reasons, and emphasize feet as the target.
- Suggested topics: 5 senses, numbers, food groups, etc...

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