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Circle Activity: Kickball 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)
 - Kickball or any soft inflated ball (1)
 - Electronic photographs 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 student photographs and write each student's name below their corresponding picture.
3. Cut out student photographs and place them in a basket or bag.
4. 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.

- 1. “For this activity, we will take turns kicking the ball 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 ball.]
- 2. “To get started, I would like everyone to stand in a circle.”**
[Assist students in forming a circle around the ball.]
- 3. “In this bag/basket are cards with everyone’s pictures and names on them. Our first step is to reach into this 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 kick the ball to the person on the card.”**
[Demonstrate saying “Hello, _[student’s name],” before kicking the ball toward the student on the card. If you miss, emphasize that you still tried your best.]
- 6. “If you’re the one who gets the ball kicked 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 has the ball gets to pull a card from the bag/basket.”**
[Pass the bag/basket to the student who caught the ball. Encourage them to pull a card, identify the student on the card, and kick the ball in the correct direction while greeting the student by name.]
- 7. “Let’s keep it going. After you’ve pulled a card and kicked the ball, pass the bag/basket of cards to the student who has the ball.”**
[Continue until everyone has had a turn.]



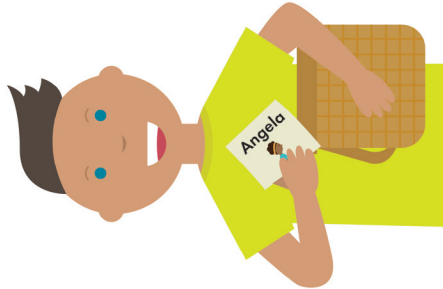
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Visual sequence strip:



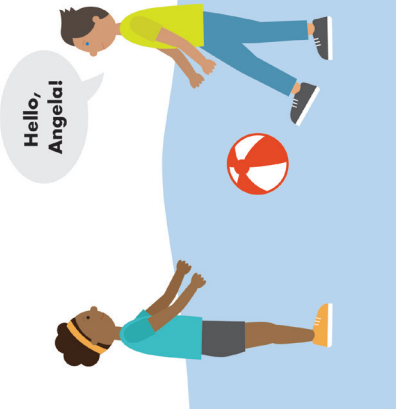
Pick a name



Look at the name



Kick the ball to that person and say hello



The person who gets the ball also says hello



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