

Let's Play Ball!

Grades 1-2

(Check out Smarty Pants SPORTS category for more fun and informative sports facts.)

Curriculum Summary Page

Language and Literacy

Activity 1: The Ball Poem

Learning Experiences:

- Sight Words Recognition
- Copy Write Sight Words
- Reading Comprehension
- Reading and Following Instructions
- Rhyme
- Social Skills Concept: sharing

Activity 2a, 2b: Rhyme

Activity 3-a, 3-b, 3-c, 3-d: Verbs

Activity 4-a: Comparative Math

Activity 4-b: Story Math

Activity 5: Glossary of Ball Games/Usage Suggestions

Learning Experiences:

- Vocabulary
- Social Studies
- Sports Terms
- Reading a Glossary
- How to Have a 'Sports Day'
- Sports Curriculum Ideas

Activity 6: Circle Art

Activity 7: Color Sheets

Language Arts Activity 1: The Ball Poem

Reading and Writing

Read sentence #1. Copy the word that goes in the blank to complete sentence number #2.

1. A ball for a girl. 2. A ball for a _____.

1. A ball for a boy. 2. A ball for a _____.

1. A ball is a joy to have for a toy.

2. A ball is a _____ to have for a _____.

1. A ball is to bounce. 2. A ball is to _____.

1. A ball is to kick. 2. A ball is to _____.

1. A ball is to catch. 2. A ball is to _____.

1. A ball is to hit. 2. A ball is to _____.

1. Roll the ball. 2. Roll the _____.

1. Toss the ball. 2. Toss the _____.

1. Throw the ball there.

2. Throw the ball _____.

But, most of all, always, a ball is to share.

2. But most of all, _____, a ball is to _____.



Activity 2a: Rhyme. Draw a circle around the 3 words that rhyme.

Boy bounce joy toy throw

Activity 2:b: Rhyme.

Fill in these first letters to make rhyming words: b, c, f, h, t, w

___all ___all ___all ___all ___all ___all

Activity 3-a Verbs:

Draw a Circle around **all** the things that you can do with a ball.

bat kick pitch dribble throw bounce toss
catch hold give take hit roll pass

***Use the verbs above to fill in the blanks in Activity 3-b, 3-c, and 3-d”**

Activity 3-b Verbs

Name 4 ways you can use a ball in Baseball.

B_____

P_____

T_____

C_____

Activity 3-c Verbs

Name 4 ways you can use a ball in Football.

K_____

C_____

T_____

P_____

Activity 3-d Verbs

Name 4 ways you can use a ball in Basketball.

T _____

P _____

D _____

B _____

Activity 4-a Comparative Math

Circle the **largest ball** in row #1 and row #2

1. ping pong ball baseball basketball

2. golf ball soccer ball baseball

Circle the **smallest ball** in row #1 and row #2

1. football tennis ball volley ball

2. golf ball tennis ball baseball

Activity 4-b Story Math: Think About It!

One Saturday in September, Jake and Sam played tackle football.

Jake's football team, the Tigers, scored 6 points in the first half of the game.

They scored 7 points in the last half of the game

His friend, Sam's team, the Lions, scored 6 points in the first half.

They scored 6 points in the second half.

Who won the game? Here is how to think about this. Ask yourself:

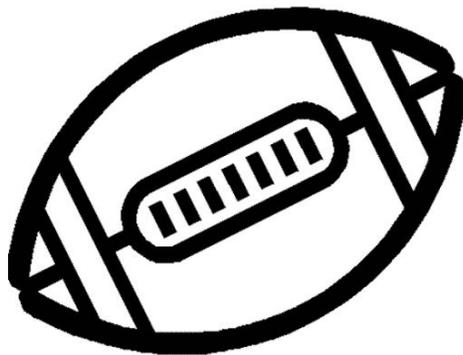
“Should I . . . ” add +, subtract -, multiply x , or divide ÷ ?”

Number Information:

Jake's Team 6 points + 7 points = 13 points

Sam's Team 6 points + 6 points = 12 points

Formula: $13 - 12 = 1$. **Jake's team won the game!**



Activity 4-b: Now you do a Story Math, using the **Number Information** below.

Jake's team scored 12 points in the first half of the game.

Jake's team scored 0 points in the second half of the game.

Sam's team scored 6 points in the first half of the game.

Sam's team scored 0 points in the second half of the game.

Who won the game?

Set up your **formula** and show your work below:

Activity 5: Glossary of Ball Games and Suggestions for Use

How to Use the Glossary Resource

1. Sports Vocabulary Words
2. Spelling Lists
3. Have the class vote on a favorite sport
4. Discussions: Types of sports equipment needed for safety in each sport. Types of balls. Places ball games are played. How teams can score in games. Sportsmanship (winning, losing, respect). Sports heroes kids know. Vocations in sports.
5. Compare games as the same or different.
6. Ask children who are in sports to tell the class how to play the game.
7. Using large paper visible to class, let the children brainstorm on all the ball games they know. Write them down.
8. Ideas on how to "Let's Play Ball" Sports Day: (Ask your school coach for help).
9. Children wear sports clothes to school. Children bring balls/equipment.
10. Outside: Play ball games. Practice sports skills on the playground like, running and jumping, throwing, catching balls.
11. Inside: Wad up old paper and have a paper toss in a bucket. Roll balls into buckets or cups. Ask a local High School or Parent athlete to visit class.
12. Ask children to contribute ideas for "Let's Play Ball!" Day

Resource Activity 6: Glossary of Ball Games

Sports Vocabulary Words in Italics - Math Suggestions in Brackets

Angleball: Game with 2 large balls, 1 small ball, 2 posts. Teams try to knock the other team's large ball from a post with a smaller ball.

Baseball: Game played with a bat and a hard, round ball by two teams of nine players each on a *diamond* with four bases. (*Math: 9 players + 9 players = 18 players; diamond shapes; what is a 'home run', an 'out'?*)

Basketball: Game played between two teams of five players each. The object is to throw the ball into a raised basket-like *goal* at opposite ends of the court. (*Math: how many players are on the court at the same time? 5 + 5 = 10*).

Beach ball: A light, colorful ball that is blown up and fun for the beach or swimming. (*Easy to get this ball and 'have a ball'*)

Bowling ball: Game in which heavy balls are rolled down a *lane* to knock down ten *pins*. (*Math: Julie rolls the ball down the lane 6 times. Each time she knocks down 9 pins. What is her score? 6 x 9 = 54.*)

Croquet ball: Outside lawn game. Knock wooden balls through a set of *wickets* with a *mallet*.

Dodgeball: Players on two teams throw rubber inflated dodge balls at each other. (define 'dodge'?)

Football: Game played by opposing teams of eleven (11) players each on a field 100 yards long with a goal at each end. (*Math: A yard is 3 feet. How many feet in a football field? 3 ft. x 100 yards = 300 feet*).

Golf ball: Game played with *clubs* and a small ball over a large *course* with *obstacles*. Play is to drive the ball, with as few *strokes* as possible, into 9 or 18 holes placed long distances apart. (*Tiger Woods played 9 holes of golf. He got the ball in each hole with only 3 strokes each. What was his score? 9 holes x 3 strokes = 18 score*).

Hacky sack ball: A beanbag-like ball. Players kick the bag with their foot, keeping it in the air or back and forth to each other and must not let it touch the ground. (*Make a bean bag out of a sock. Tie up the sock in a knot.*)

Handball: A sport where two teams of 7 people each pass a ball using their hands to throw it into the goal of the other team.

Kickball: A game like baseball, but the teams kick the ball and run the base. (every kid knows this!)

Pickleball: Game of 2 or 4 players on a long, ground service, using *paddles* to hit a rubber ball over a net.

Ping Pong ball: Called *table tennis*. 2 or 4 players hit a small, light ball to each other over a net on a long rectangular table, trying to make the other player miss the ball. (*set up class tables to improvise and try this game with ping pong ball and flat wooden spatulas*)

Polo ball: Horse-mounted teams drive a ball down the field with a long-handled *mallet* to score a goal.

Soccer ball: 2 teams of 11 players kick an inflated ball down a long field to make a net goal. No use of arms or hands. (*Math: 11 players + 11 players = 22 players*).

Softball: A ball game similar to baseball but uses a larger, softer ball pitched underhand.

Tetherball: 2 teams stand opposite a metal pole with a large volleyball suspended by a rope. Object of the game is to wrap the roped ball around and touch the pole.

Tennis ball: Outdoor game with 2 players and *rackets*. The ball must pass back and forth across a net and stay within a marked court for points.

Wall ball: Just a wall and a ball and a hard floor. Throw the ball against the wall and hit it back with hands, trying to keep it off the floor. Make up your own ways to play this game with a friend.

Activity 7 Art: Shapes/Circles Worksheet

1. Draw a circle and make a clock.

2. Draw a circle and make a donut.

3. Draw a circle and make a 'happy face'.

4. Draw a circle and make a sun.

5. Draw 2 circles and make a snowman.

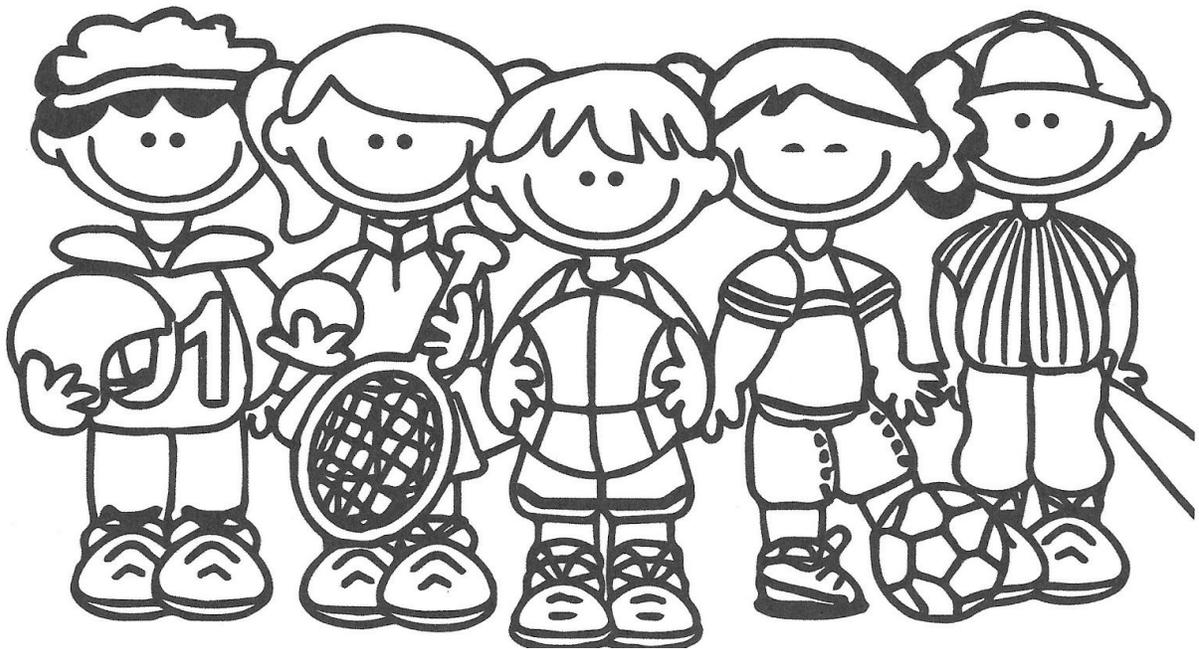
6. Draw a circle inside a square.

What other pictures can you make out of a Circle? Use the back of this page. (bicycle, eyeglasses, etc.)

Activity 7: Color Sheets

Color clothes different colors to show they are on different teams.

Write a name for each player here _____



Write a name for two basketball teams. Write the first letter of the team's name on the shirt.



Write the names of these sports equipment. Draw a line to that piece of equipment. (Football, Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Tennis)

F _____

B _____

B _____

S _____

T _____



My Favorite Sport Is...

Color a picture of YOU playing your favorite sport!

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