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Balloon Activities

****For fear of choking hazard, you can use beach ball instead.**

Pass the Balloon This game is similar to “Hot Potato”. Pass the balloon to your partner(s) until the music stops. Fun to use water balloons on hot days!

Air Balloon The objective of this game is to keep the balloon in the air and off the ground. You can use your hands, noodle sticks (made of Nerf material), blankets, etc.

Balloon Chase The goal is to try and catch the person who has the balloon. When you catch that person, you then gain possession of the balloon and the other people chase you to try to take away the balloon.

Hide and Seek with Balloons Similar to “Egg Hunt”. One child hides various balloons (or just one balloon) around the house and the seeker has to find the balloon. There can even be one special color balloon that differs from all the other balloons to make the game more exciting. Another idea is to have a small treasure (i.e. jewel, marble, jellybean, glitter) inside each balloon and, once all balloons have been found, the child can pop the balloon to get the treasure.

Balloon Toss Two children stand several feet apart facing each other. One child says “ready, set, go” and throws the balloon to the other child. If the child receiving the balloon catches the balloon successfully, they can each take one step back. Can use water balloons outdoors.

Target Practice Throw a water balloon at a target and see if you can hit the target. Another idea is to spray balloons with a squirt gun.

Water Balloon Yo-Yo Fill up a water balloon and tie the end securely. Attach a thin, sturdy string about two feet long onto the knot of the balloon.

Bicycle Activities

Stop and Go Similar to “Red Light/Green Light”, but on bikes. Use red and green colored signs to signal to the bicyclists when to stop and when to go.

Maze Use sidewalk chalk to map out/draw a maze to be followed on a bike.

Wash It Set up a car/bike wash. The child can wash their bike with friends. Materials needed are soap, a garden hose, washcloths, a spray bottle, and rags/sponges.





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Bicycle Activities Cont.

Follow the Leader Play “Follow the Leader” on bikes!

Bike Parade Decorate your bike (e.g., using streamers, silly string, cardboard) and have a parade around the neighborhood.

Chalk Activities

Target Games with Sidewalk Chalk Children can draw targets on the ground with chalk and then throw water balloons at the targets to erase them. Children can draw whatever is interesting or motivating for them (numbers, letters, animals or even just blocks of color). Kids can then take turns or give each other directions to erase certain targets with their water balloons or cups of water (similar to King Game).

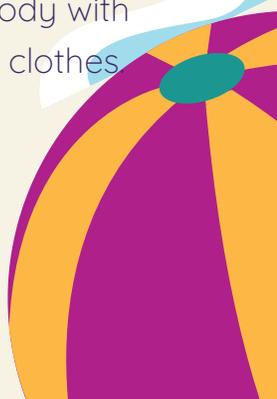
Hopscotch Draw your own hopscotch courts. They can be as simple or as complicated as you want!

Tic-Tac-Toe Can vary from standard x’s and o’s by drawing happy faces, stars or hearts instead.

Make Your Own Maze Don’t forget to include dead ends, a path to a treasure (with real prizes!) or fake paths that go to the dragon’s lair! (If somebody ends up in the dragon’s lair, they’ll probably need a friend to come save them) Paths can go to Batman’s Batcave or the Joker’s Hideaway!

Drawing Together Kids can work together on a joint picture, taking turns to add a new feature to the picture each time. For example, one child makes the circle for a face, the other child then adds the eyes, and so on and so forth... One child can tell the other what to draw (“Draw a house! Make the roof pink! Give it a red door!”)

Draw Each Other One child lies on the ground while the other outlines their body with chalk. They can work together to fill in the details like drawing on the hair and clothes. Can add things to the picture like pets, trees, grass or the sun. Don’t forget to practice writing your name above your picture!





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Shaving Cream Activities

Washing Windows Put shaving cream in a bucket or spray directly onto window. Use hands or sponges to wipe around. Scrape off with a squeegee.

Shaving Cream Painting Put shaving cream into bowls. Add different color paints to each. Can use hands, brushes, stamps, or various tools to paint onto paper. Can also leave out the colored paints and paint plain shaving cream onto black paper.

Target Activities

Tic-Tac-Toe Draw a grid with sidewalk chalk and use two different colored groups of bean bags. The children take turns trying to toss their own bean bags in a row on the grid. Can also substitute bean bags for water balloons.

Bull's Eye Target Draw a bull's eye (a ring of concentric circles) with sidewalk chalk. Use bean bags to throw at target. Child wins a prize associated with where their bean bag lands on the target.

Bozo Buckets Line up three medium-sized buckets or containers filled with prizes. Just like at a carnival, the children take turns throwing a ball into a bucket from several feet away. They get a prize from whichever container their ball lands in. If weather permits, you can play this outside and fill buckets with water, and place prizes in air-tight containers (i.e. plastic Easter eggs).

Nature Scavenger Hunt Create a list or find a list of nature items online. Each child has to find nature item on the list. Example: leaf, butterfly, bird, spiderweb, dirt, squirrel, flower etc.

