

The Little Blue Bridge

Extension Activities for the Classroom

Cooperation Play:

Just Keep it Up!



While you can play this game with as few as two people, you can play with many more as well. First, have all the kids gather in a circle and hold hands. Then, throw some balloons into the mix and everyone must try to keep the balloon (or balloons) afloat using different parts of their body.

Beanbag Freeze



This game can be played inside or outdoors. It encourages children to help one another as well as to cooperate. To begin, give each child a beanbag and ask them to balance it on the top of their heads. With beanbags in place, the kids move slowly about the play area. They can walk or move in any silly or fun way they please.

Next, ask the children to pick up the pace and move more actively—hopping, skipping, moving backwards, turning, stopping and starting, all while balancing their beanbags on their heads.

If a child loses their beanbag, they are frozen until another child picks it up and places it back on his/her head. If the helper also loses their beanbag, they, too, are frozen until another friend comes to thaw them both by replacing their beanbags. (Very young children can hold the beanbags in place on their heads while they help their friends.) Be sure to tell the children that the point of the game is to help their friends by replacing fallen beanbags so that everybody can stay in the game. The game is over when everyone has thawed or everyone is frozen or everyone is tired.

Blueberry Hunt



Hide blue pom poms (of all different sizes) all around the classroom. Have the children search for them and bring them back to fill an empty pie plate. When the pie is filled, have the kids count them and then sort the pom poms by size.

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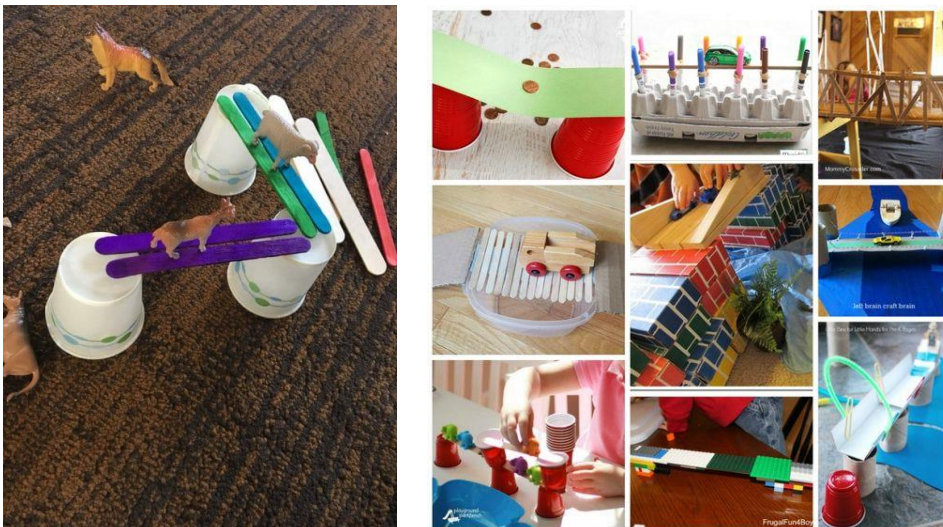
Fingerprint Blueberries



<https://www.inspirationmadesimple.com/fingerprint-blueberries-kids-craft/>

Science:

Building a Bridge



<https://handsonaswegrow.com/craft-stick-bridge-building/>

If you and your students enjoyed reading, *The Little Blue Bridge*, be sure to check out these books too:

- *Listen, My Bridge Is SO Cool!*, by Nancy Loewen
- *The Three Billy Goats Fluff*, by Rachael Mortimer
- *Blueberry Cake*, by Sarah Dillard
- *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, by Paul Galdone