

Beach Ball Literacy

Items needed:

1 beach ball per family

Sharpie markers

Directions:

In the different sections of the ball write the following story prompts.

- Where? Or Setting?
- Who? Or Main Characters?
- Title?
- Author? And or Illustrator?
- What happens in the story?
- Beginning?
- Middle?
- End?
- Favorite part?
- What is the problem?
- What was the solution?

After every family has made a “Literacy Ball”, have them read a story. After the story, have them toss the ball back and forth and answer the questions that their thumb (either left or right) lands on.

This is fun to make and then to take home for reading.

Beach Ball Math

Items needed:

1 beach ball per family

Sharpie markers

Directions:

With the sharpie marker, divide the ball in half. In each section write a number from 0 - ? (this would depend on the age of the students).

After that is finished, toss the ball to the student. Whatever two sections their thumbs land on they can add, subtract, multiply or divide the numbers for the answer.

Math War Card Game

Items needed:

A deck of cards (remove the jokers and the face cards)

Directions:

Two players: Deal all the cards out.

Each person takes the top card and places it face up. The students take turns adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing the cards. The correct answer gets the cards. If they answer wrong the cards are put to the side. Once all the cards are gone the person who has them all wins. If the cards are both the same then they have to do "War". That is where three cards are placed by each player face down and the 4th card is placed face up. Those are the numbers to be used.