

Little Brown Bear

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Discipline / Subject: Physical Education

Topic: Little Brown Bear is a line game where all players are involved at all times. Children especially like this game when the teacher, counselor, or leader assumes the role of "it," or in this case, Little Brown Bear.

Grade Level: PK-3

Resources / References / Materials Teacher Needs: All that is needed for this game is the gym floor. Use the basketball court to represent the "woods." Students line up on one end of the court. When Little Brown Bear gives the command, students run to the other end of the court.

Lesson Summary: All of the children must move through the woods as Little Brown Bear has stated. Using the same locomotor skill, Little Brown Bear tries to tag as many players as possible as they move through the woods. Players who are tagged become Little Brown Bears helpers.

Standards Addressed: Department of Physical Education

6.c Students demonstrate a willingness to participate with peers regardless of diversity or disability

6.d Students enjoy and interact with peers in a variety of physical settings

6.e Students resolve conflicts in an acceptable nonviolent manner

7.d Students recognize the benefits (social and physical) derived from participation in group games and activities

7.e Students show a willingness to follow rules, procedures, and safety guidelines in all physical settings

7.f Students behave in a caring and helping manner toward all peers

Learning Objectives:

The student will:

- Learn to work together
- Learn to be both leader and follower and accept both primary and secondary roles
- Learn how to effectively communicate with peers
- Contribute to team goal

Method of Assessment for Learning:

Observe students for successfully accomplishing the task following the given guidelines.

Procedural Activities:

1. Choose one or two players to be Little Brown Bear, or "it."
2. Little Brown Bear calls, "Who's afraid of the Little Brown Bear?"
3. The children answer, "Not me!"
4. Little Brown Bear replies, "Then you must skip through the woods."
5. All of the children must skip through the woods, skipping from one side of the basketball court to the other.
6. Little Brown Bear must try to tag as many players as possible as they move through the woods using the same locomotor skill, skipping.
7. Players who are tagged become Little Brown Bear's helpers.

Materials Students Need: Students need to wear safe footwear, preferably socks and running

shoes.

Technology Utilized to Enhance Learning: DVD-Alaska's Coolest Animals and website www.skyriver.com

Other Information:

- When there are five to ten players left select a new Little Brown Bear and repeat the game
- Little Brown Bear may call any locomotor skill, including walk, run, gallop, hop, jump, or slide. You can also be creative and add choices such as "drive" or "go by plane." Little Brown Bear and his helpers must use the same locomotor skill as the other players.

Modifications for Special Learners/ Enrichment Opportunities

The teacher can always be a "helper" to the child who is having difficulty deciding what locomotor skill to call out. As "helper" the teacher can whisper a suggestion to Little Brown Bear.

