

Let's Take Turns....



...choosing what game to play.

What is needed: Will depend on game chosen for play

How to play:

This may seem too simple to be an activity in the curriculum, and perhaps you do it every day, but some sites do not, and when a lot of intention and emphasis is brought to the 'taking turns' aspect of this activity, this can be very powerful, indeed.

1. Round the children up in the play yard or gym. Have sports equipment accessible.
2. Tell the children that every five minutes the game is going to change, and whoever chooses to participate, cannot and shall not whine or complain about whatever game is being played, but instead, must play the game to their fullest and most exuberant ability.
3. Tell the children that you will not be choosing any of the games played. Select five volunteers.
4. Choose a child to start. He/she selects a game, and everyone plays that game for five minutes. Due to the fact that you'll only be playing each game for five minutes, you'll want to encourage children to come up with games that can be played in that amount of time.
5. Then the next child goes, and so on and so forth until all volunteers (for today) have had a chance to choose a game.
6. Feel free to repeat this activity another day or two this week so that all the children have a chance to choose a game.