

THE CIRCLE AND THE BALL

GRADES: K-6

FORMATION: Circular formation

EQUIPMENT: Ball

LEARNING OUTCOMES: MATH: Mental Math

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS: Remind participants to be cautious when moving and to be aware of the personal space of others. Check that the participants have enough space to perform the activities safely.

RULES/DIRECTIONS:

Students are standing in a circular formation. One student is standing in the middle of the circle holding a ball. When the teacher says "GO" the person in the middle states that they will be counting by 3's and tosses the ball to a designated student who starts the circular order. Upon receipt of the ball, the person says "3", returns the ball to the middle, where the person further tosses the ball to the next person in the circle who says 6. This continues until the circle is complete. It is important to reinforce the 3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24,27,30 pattern to be able to respond quickly without thinking (on the spot response). When the students get proficient, two balls may be introduced which promotes on the spot thinking and responding!