

Try It Out: Large-Group-Time Planning Form



Large-Group-Time Planning Form

Originating idea:	Prior interest in the way dinosaurs move from multiple students
Materials:	No materials required -- this is a movement-based large group, designed to be held over Zoom during school closure
Curriculum content areas:	-- Creative Arts, F. 42 (Movement): Children express and represent what they observe, think, imagine, and feel through movement. -- Physical Development and Health, C.18: Children know about their bodies and how to navigate them in space.
Beginning:	Easy-To-Join Activity: We're Running, Running, Running! As students come to participate in our Zoom meeting, we will begin with the activity "We're running, running, running!" Children have the opportunity to each take a turn choosing a movement to act along with the group.
Middle:	As we complete the "We're Running, Running, Running" activity, I will remind the students that they have previously been interested in talking about dinosaurs and how they move. We will sing a song called "Run, run, dinosaur!" to the tune of "Skip to my Lou" to begin. The song begins, "Run, run, dinosaur! Run, run, dinosaur! Run, run, dinosaur! Run and run some more!" I will ask the students to share with each other one way that they think a dinosaur moves. Hopefully they will remember our lesson during school, which includes information that some dinosaurs can walk, some can swim, some can fly, and some can run. As each child takes their turn choosing a movement, we will incorporate that movement into the song. Ex: "Fly, fly, dinosaur!" or "Swim, swim, dinosaur!" and do each movement together as each child chooses.
End:	After our dinosaur movement activity, our Zoom session will come to an end. I will ask the children to pick one way they learned a dinosaur can move and use that movement to say goodbye! For example, if a child picks "hop", that child can hop like a dinosaur before leaving the Zoom session. Each child will get a chance to move before signing off.
Follow up:	I will follow up this activity by making sure the children see that I have added the "Run, Dinosaur" song to our class song book, even if we aren't at school together at this point in time. Children will have access to a digital copy of our song book choices via email. During our next week's session, children will have the opportunity to choose a song from this book for Large Group Time. This new addition will be there! I will also ask children to draw a picture of their favorite dinosaur to share with their friends in the next week.