# pop hop \& rock <br> 0 

TIME: Approximately 20-25 minutes to do all 4 activities


| EQUIPMENT | Description and Alternatives | Purchase |
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| Poly Spots <br> 1 for each child in <br> your class, plus <br> $5-10$ extra <br> (at least 20) | Vinyl circles, about 9 inches in diameter, in a <br> variety of colors. They are versatile and durable, <br> sticky enough to stay put on the floor and hefty <br> enough to use as a steering wheel. If you have <br> the funds, these spots are worth the investment. <br> Alternatives: For spots to use on the floor, you <br> can cut circles out sheet vinyl, cheap placemats, <br> shelf liner or non-skid rug liner. Or, you can mark <br> places on the floor with colored masking tape. <br> For spots you use in your hands (like in Speed | Amazon School <br> Specialty |
| Racer), you can use paper plates or circles cut <br> from poster board, preferably laminated. |  |  |
| Two-sided cards <br> with colors/symbols <br> $5-10$ more cards | Two-sided cards made from half sheets of <br> colored card stock. For this set, one side should <br> have one color and one symbol (maybe blue with <br> number 5) and the other side should have a <br> different color and different symbol (maybe pink <br> and number 2). You can customize the colors <br> and symbols. For example, instead of blue and <br> pink, you could use yellow and green. And, <br> instead of numbers, you could use letters, <br> pictures of animals, shapes. The key is for one <br> side of the set to all match and the other side of <br> the set to all match. Make the cards, put them <br> back-to-back, and (if possible) laminate them. | Made by teacher |



See Reference: Skills, Strengths, Motor Movements for more information.

ACTIVITY A: If You Are Wearing
Ages 4-7
GOALS
Children should be able to follow directions, recognize colors, patterns of things associated with themselves, be able to orient their direction for running.

## SKILLS

Perceptual Motor Skills
Directional awareness
Spatial awareness
Sensory Skills
Auditory processing
EQUIPMENT
Poly Spots, 1 for each child

## HOW TO

Set Up $\quad$ Before the children arrive, place the spots in a circle, about 12-18 inches apart.

Transition In Ask the children to find a spot and stand on it.
Introductory What color spot are you standing on? What colors are the spots next Questions

Explain Look carefully at the spot you are standing on. Remember what color The Game:
When I say GO! to you? Who is standing next to you? Where is the outside of our circle?
Is everyone wearing the same clothes and shoes today? it is and what color the spots next to you are. Remember who is standing next to you and where you are in the circle. You will have to return to this spot in the game.
We are all going to run around the circle in the same direction so no one gets hurt.
When I call out a color, check your clothes and shoes. If you are wearing that color, run around the outside of the circle one time and return to your spot.
Remember: Listen to the color, run around the outside of the circle, in the same direction, only one time, and return to your spot.

Transition Out Ask the children to pick up their spots, balance them on their heads and return them to the teacher, using their hands to make a pancake stack.

Change Up Other cues to run can be patterns, letters on their clothes, types of shoes, having long or short hair, wearing a dress, pants, shorts, etc.

ACTIVITY B: Spot Hop, Name Color
Ages 3-6
GOALS
Children should be able to recognize colors, be able to hop with two feet (older children), or have the beginning mechanics of hopping (younger children).

## SKILLS

Sensory Skills
Proprioceptive development

Strength
Core strength
Lower body strength
Other Skills
Motor planning

## EQUIPMENT

Different colored poly spots (about 6-8) (see Equipment List for alternatives)

## HOW TO

Set Up Make a line of spots perpendicular to and extending away from the Starting Position.

Transition In Gather children at the Starting Position.
Introductory How does a kangaroo hop? What about a rabbit? (Demonstrate Questions

Explain The children are going to take turns hopping on spots, two feet glued The Game: together like a kangaroo or a rabbit. Each time they land on a spot, When I say GO! they are to name the color of the spot.
When they finish, they are to go to the end of the line in the Starting Position.

Transition Out Ask one of the children to pick up the spots and make a pancake stack.

Change Up For older children, the spots could have letters or numbers on them. For younger children use fewer spots, maybe only 4.

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ACTIVITY C: Number Turnover, Level 1
Ages 3-6
GOALS
Children should be able to recognize colors (younger children) or numbers (older children) and be able to follow directions.

## SKILLS

Sensory Skills
Auditory processing

Strength
Aerobic strength
Core strength
Other Skills
Eye-hand coordination

## EQUIPMENT

Two sided cards with one color/symbol combination on one side, and a different color/symbol combination on the other side. (See Equipment list for details.)

## HOW TO

Set Up Place two sided cards all over the floor, with one color/symbol side up.

Transition In Gather children in the Starting Position.
Introductory (For these questions, assume the cards have number 5 on one side

Questions

Explain
The Game:
When I say GO! children are to stay on their feet, not on their knees.
When they are finished, they are to return to the Starting Position. Repeat this several times.

Transition Out Have the children pick up the cards and make a pancake stack in a teacher's hands.

Change Up For younger children, use the colors as a cue instead of the numbers. Ask the same introductory questions, but ask them about colors instead. Then repeat the game several times having them turn the cards over to show the other color. Or, you can use other symbols instead of numbers: letters, shapes, animals, etc.

ACTIVITY D: Brown Bear, Brown Bear
Ages 2-5
GOALS
Children should be able to move like animals.

## SKILLS

Sensory Skills
Proprioceptive development Vestibular development

## Strength

Core strength
Lower body strength
Upper body strength

EQUIPMENT
None

## HOW TO

Set Up Have a list of animals and how they move in your head. Some ideas: Birds fly. Bears lumber. Penguins waddle. Elephants stomp.
Snakes slither. Foxes prance. Horses gallop. (See Activity Cards.)
Transition In Have children gather in the Starting Position.
Introductory Have you ever read the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You Questions

Explain The children are to collectively ask the teacher, "Brown bear, brown The Game: bear, what do you see?"
When I say GO!
The teacher will name an animal and its movement in response. For example, "I see a bird flying past me!"

Then the children will move around the space like birds, being careful not to fly into their friends or objects in the room.
Each time the children ask, the teacher will name a new animal that is moving by: a bear, penguin, giraffe, elephant, snake, etc.

Transition Out Have children return to the Starting Position.
Change Up See if the children can come up with the locomotor movement that matches the named animal without any prompting. When responding, say, "I see a bird going past me." Let the children decide how the bird would move.

