Can I Play Too?

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Practices: hand-eye coordination, counting, balancing, concentration, teamwork, sharing, problem solving.

Activity Idea to try at home:

Playing Catch – gather up several items for some open ended ball play with your family and friends: several balls of varying sizes a variety of things to catch/throw with, some containers of the balls, a few dishtowels to use as bandanas (to tie arms together).

1) Back and Forth Catch – using your hands, practice passing a ball or like object back and forth using underhand and overhand throws.
2) No Arms! – taking on the characters of the elephant, piggy and snake, practice passing a ball back and forth without arms! Those who are the “snake” catching the ball without arms can wear a bike helmet, perfect to protect your head from all the BONKS!

Some fun links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNi7qa8etEU
Can I Play Too? video
https://resources.specialolympics.org/YAFamilies
Young Athletes at Home Resources

Craft Activities

Paper Plate Elephant & Piggy Kid Craft:

Supplies:
- Two Small Paper Plates (one per character craft)
- Pink Tissue Paper
- Silver Tissue Paper
- Gray Cardstock
- White Cardstock
- Black Cardstock
- School Glue
- Kid Friendly Craft Scissors
- Hand-Held Office Stapler
- Black Sharpie Marker

Directions:

* First cut your silver & pink tissue paper into small squares (let the kids practice their cutting skills) Keep colors separate in two different piles.
* Now take your two paper plates and put a good amount of glue all over them.
* Have children place the silver tissue paper all over one paper plate and the pink tissue paper on the other, until completely covered.
* While they are working on that, cut out facial features for Piggie & Elephant (use the book cover as an example on what to cut out)
* To finish off the Paper Plate Elephant & Piggy Kid Craft – simply staple/glue the cardstock pieces to the paper plates and display proudly!


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