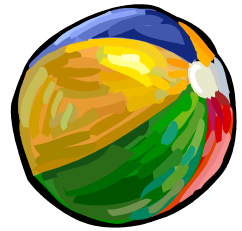


What Can you Do with a BEACH BALL to support learning at home?



Math

- Find the Diameter and Circumference of the ball.
- Count while you toss the ball back and forth.
- Estimate how many beach balls will fit in your garbage can.
- Talk about the shape of the ball and its “official” name (hint:sphere)

Literacy

- Talk about all of the different things you might see at the beach when playing with a beach ball.
- Write a story about the beach ball’s adventure and include: characters, what happens to the ball, where it happens and what the setting looks like.
- Find words that rhyme with beach and ball.
- Find synonyms (words that mean the same), antonyms (words that are the opposite) for words associated with the beach: sunny, cloudy, sandy, gritty, etc.
- Write a poem using pronouns (i.e. beside the ball, next to the ball, above the ball).

Science

- Kick the ball and talk about what the “force” was behind the kick (hint: your foot kicking it).
- Discuss the “motion” of the ball when you kick it. When a ball is at rest it does not have “motion,” but when you apply “force” by kicking it, it has motion.
- Talk about the “matter” that makes up the beach ball. The air is a “gas,” the plastic is a “solid,” and if the ball goes in the ocean or the pool, the water is the “liquid.”

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