

Equipping Your Movement Center

Materials

scarves and streamers
audio cassettes
CDs with varied cultural music
CD and tape player
rhythm instruments
masks
full-length mirror
appropriate costumes
posters of figures in various poses for children to imitate
hula hoops

What to do

1. Put the above materials in the music center. Invite the children to visit the center as part of their daily or weekly exploration activities.
2. Make choices depending on your movement objectives. You may wish to feature creative dramatics one day, and creative movement or rhythm and dance other days.

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Five Little Butterflies

Materials

felt pieces in pastel colors
scissors
flannel board
blank cassette tape
tape player

What to do

1. Cut out five butterfly shapes from various colors of felt.
2. Teach the children the following song. A wonderful version to help children learn the tune can be found on the record *Mockingbird Flight Songs for Kindergarten Keys* produced by The Economy Company.

Five Little Butterflies

*Five little butterflies resting at the door.
One flew away and then there were four.
Butterfly, butterfly, happy and gay,
Butterfly, butterfly, fly away.*

*Four little butterflies sitting in a tree,
One flew away and then there were three...*

*Three little butterflies looking at you,
One flew away and then there were two...*

*Two little butterflies sitting in the sun,
One flew away and then there was one...*

*One little butterfly left alone,
He flew away and then there were none.*

3. Make a recording of the children singing the song.
4. Put the butterflies and flannel board in the listening center along with a recording of the song.
5. Encourage the children to manipulate the desired number of butterflies on the flannel board as the song progresses.

Related book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

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Five Little Chickadees

Materials

- five pictures of chickadees
- scissors
- glue
- tagboard or poster board
- laminated
- felt
- flannel board
- blank cassette tape
- tape player