

# STRAW ACTIVITY

**Grades:** K-5

**Integration:** Math, Locomotor Skills, Physical Fitness

**Purpose:** To increase ability to count and skip count while also working on locomotor skills (such as running, sliding, skipping, galloping, etc) and Physical Fitness

**Materials-** About a 100 multi-colored straws, one cone for every 2-3 students. A dry erase board and marker or paper and pencil for each group.

**Activity:** Place your multi-colored straws on one end of the gym and divide students up into teams of 2-3 students. Explain to students that they are trying to retrieve the most points as possible in straws. Each color of straw is worth a certain amount of points (see Straw Point Sheet attached) Explain that one student at a time will run (or slide, skip, gallop, etc) down to other end of the gym and retrieve one straw. When they return place the straw on the ground at the cone and tag the next person. The next person in line runs down and returns with one straw. Continue this activity until all straws are retrieved. The more straws you have the longer it will last!

Have each team group their straws together by colors and create a multiplication problem to determine the total number of points for each group of color straws. Then have the students add them all together to determine their total. The group with the most points is the winner.

**Adaptation:** This activity can be used with all grade levels including Kindergarten. With Kindergarten have the students simply count by 1's or skip count by 5's or 10's. 1st graders can skip count by 2's, 5's and 10's. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders should be learning how to skip count by all numbers. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up can multiply.

**Teacher Tip:** This can be used as a warm-up or it can be done several times for a high intensity workout!

## STRAW ACTIVITY POINTS

<b>PINK</b>	<b>1 POINT</b>
<b>ORANGE</b>	<b>2 POINTS</b>
<b>YELLOW</b>	<b>3 POINTS</b>
<b>GREEN</b>	<b>5 POINTS</b>
<b>WHITE</b>	<b>6 POINTS</b>
<b>BLUE</b>	<b>7 POINTS</b>
<b>RED</b>	<b>8 POINTS</b>
<b>STRIPED</b>	<b>9 POINTS</b>
<b>PURPLE</b>	<b>10 POINTS</b>