# Integrating Movement into Your Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies Lessons

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## Objectives

### Participants will:

- have a better understanding of how to add movement to reinforce content standards in language arts, science, and social studies
- feel more prepared to integrate physical activity into the classroom or home lessons
- have increased knowledge of the Active Academics webbased resource and how to use it



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Classroom physical activity

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# Why do we need Physical Activity in the classroom and throughout the school day?

- Better learners
- Better health
- Better behaviors





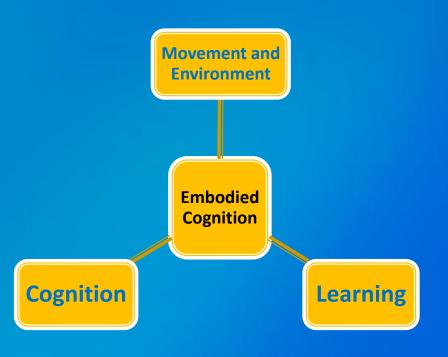
## **Standards-Based Movement Activities**

- Subject matter specific reinforces content being taught or reviewed
- Can be added to most any lesson (often times without any required extra equipment or prep)
- Short instructions Maximum Movement



# 2 Ways to integrate movement in content lessons

- Physical activity as a supplement to the lesson
  - Ex. Doing jumping jacks during a math lesson
- Physical activity as a means to teach and/or retain academic content
  - Ex. Create math angles with the body





# Highly integrated and relevant movement in the lesson

#### General Outcomes:

- improvements in memory performance
- cued recall
- Comprehension
- learning retention
- testing scores
- on-task behavior
- enjoyment



# Standards-based lessons easily enhanced by movement

- Language Arts
  - Vocabulary acquisition, reading comprehension
- Science
  - Life science, earth and space science
- Social Studies
  - State, country, world history and places



## Learning on the Move!

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Active lesson ideas to enhance the learning of content in math, reading/language arts, health, physical education, science and social studies

Classroom

#### **ENERGIZERS**

Get kids up and moving anytime during class with a Classroom Energizer Activity! Energizers provide a guick "5 minute or less" moving break that helps kids get focused and engaged in the learning process. Activities are fun and get kids' heart rate up which leads to more blood flow to the brain and increased attention

Providing practical

#### ideas for INTEGRATING

physical activity throughout the

school day

Our standards based activity ideas utilize the new Common Core Standards for Math and Reading / Language Arts. Each idea has the standards built-in, making them quick and easy to use in any classroom for any grade level

COMMON CORE

Active Academics® includes the national standards with our other content area Recess & ideas: Science, Social Studies ınch Break

We have ideas for informal group play settings like recess and lunch time. The activities require very little instruction and are appropriate for large groups.

Active Academics® is a resource for teachers created by teachers. All activity ideas on the site are from teachers just like you! Teachers can earn rewards for published activity ideas like gift cards and more!

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#### **Vocabulary Balloons**

Suggested Grade Level(s): 4, 5









#### Content Standard(s):

#### 4 - Reading/Language Arts

#### Phonics and Word Recognition | RF.4.3:

Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

#### 4 - Physical Education

#### S1.E24.4a:

Strikes an object with a short-handled implement while demonstrating a mature pattern.

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#### S1.E24.4b

Strikes an object with a short-handled implement, alternating hits with a partner over a low net or against a wall.

#### 5 - Reading/Language Arts

#### Phonics and Word Recognition | RF.5.3:

Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.

#### 5 - Physical Education

#### S1 F23 5

Volleys a ball using a 2-hand overhead pattern, sending it upward to a target.

#### 5 - Physical Education

#### S1.E24.5

Strikes an object consecutively, with a partner, using a short-handled implement, over a net or against a wall, in either a competitive or cooperative game environment.

#### Purpose of Activity (objectives, etc.):

Students will practicing spelling words and identifying other vocabulary words (antonyms, synonyms, etc) while practicing striking balloons in the air.

#### Materials/Equipment (Needed):

#### Balloon

Music (optional) a great choice is Move This - Technotronic

#### Description:

 Each student should have a balloon and practice tapping the balloon in the air while staying in one place, and not allowing it to hit the floor.

- Spell Your Name
- Spell your friend's name
- Spell your age
- Spell your hometown





### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling List:

- Knowledgeable
- Listening
- Plumbing
- Toothbrushes
- Amusing
- Excited
- Languages





## Antonyms for:

- Plain
- Failure
- Despair





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#### Sentence Shape Up

Suggested Grade Level(s): 4, 5







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#### Purpose of Activity (objectives, etc.):

Students will identify various parts of a sentence and complete a corresponding physical activity.

#### Description:

Write the following parts of a sentence and corresponding exercise on the board.

Noun = Arm circles

Verb = Jumping jacks

Adjective = Lunges

Pronoun = Push ups

Adverb = Arm circles

Preposition = Jogging in place

Conjunction = Knee jumps

Interjection = Hop scotch



#### The **BOY**

- Noun Arm circles
- Verb jumping jacks
- Adjective Lunges
- Pronoun Push Ups
- Adverb Arm circles
- Preposition Jog in place
- Conjunction Knee slaps
- Interjection Hop Scotch



### The boy RAN

- Noun Arm circles
- Verb jumping jacks
- Adjective Lunges
- Pronoun Push Ups
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## The boy ran to the **SMALL**

- Noun Arm circles
- Verb jumping jacks
- Adjective Lunges
- Pronoun Push Ups
- Adverb Arm circles
- Preposition Jog in place
- Conjunction Knee slaps
- Interjection Hop Scotch



## The boy ran to the small HOUSE.

- Noun Arm circles
- Verb jumping jacks
- Adjective Lunges
- Pronoun Push Ups
- Adverb Arm circles
- Preposition Jog in place
- Conjunction Knee slaps
- Interjection Hop Scotch



## Language Arts: Idiom Charades

#### Purpose of Activity (objectives, etc.):

Students will recognize common idioms and their meanings.

Students will understand that words and phrases are not always literal and can sometimes even be silly.

#### Materials/Equipment (Needed):

Index Cards

#### Description:

Create a stack of index cards each with an idiom and it's meaning on one side. Examples:

- -A Dime A Dozen anything that is common and easy to get
- -A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned by not spending money you are saving it
- -A Piece of Cake something that is easy
- Charley Horse leg cramp
- -Go Out on a Limb put yourself in a tough position in order to support someone or something
- -Hit the Hay to go to bed
- -Chip on your shoulder holding a grudge or deeply held conviction
- -Pay an arm and a leg -pay a very high cost
- -Joined at the hip to be exceptionally close to someone
- -Elbow Grease hard, physical effort
- -In the doghouse to have someone unhappy with you/ in trouble
- -Break a leg Good luck!
- -Barking up the wrong tree Looking in the wrong place
- -Ball is in your court -up to you to make next decision or step/your turn
- -Sit on the Fence Undecided/avoid taking sides
- -Get a kick out of it -Really enjoy/like something
- -Fish out of water -being somewhere you don't belong
- -Get off your high horse quit thinking your better than others
- -Let the cat out of the bag tell a secret



Pair students and have one student choose an index card from the pile. On signal, give students one

## Language Arts/Health: Alphabet Jacks K-2



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#### **Alphabet Jacks**

Suggested Grade Level(s): K, 1, 2, 3

Content Area(s): Classroom Energizer

Purpose of Activity (objectives, etc.):

This is a fun way to start the day. It gives students an opportunity to be physically active and reminds them of the many healthy food choices available to eat.

#### Description:

Have the class start jumping jacks, each time shouting out a new healthy food. Move through the alphabet (example: apples, bananas, cantaloupe, dairy, eggs, fruit, grains, etc.). Move down the rows, each student calling out a food with the next letter. If someone calls out an unhealthy food, or can't think of a healthy one, ask the rest of the class for help. Continue jumping jacks until the entire alphabet has been completed.

#### Time:

Less than 5 minutes

#### Source:

American Heart Association - NFL Play 60 Challenge (Morning Physical Activity Breaks and Heart Facts), www.heart.org/educator







## **Apples**





## Bananas



## Cucumbers





## Social Studies: 50 State Game (3-4)

#### Name of Activity:

50 States Game



Suggested Grade Level(s): 3, 4

#### Content Standard(s):

- · 4 Science / Social Studies
  - NSS-USH.K-4.2

The history of students' own state or region

#### Purpose of Activity (objectives, etc.):

Students will be able to identify the location of the states on a map of the United States.

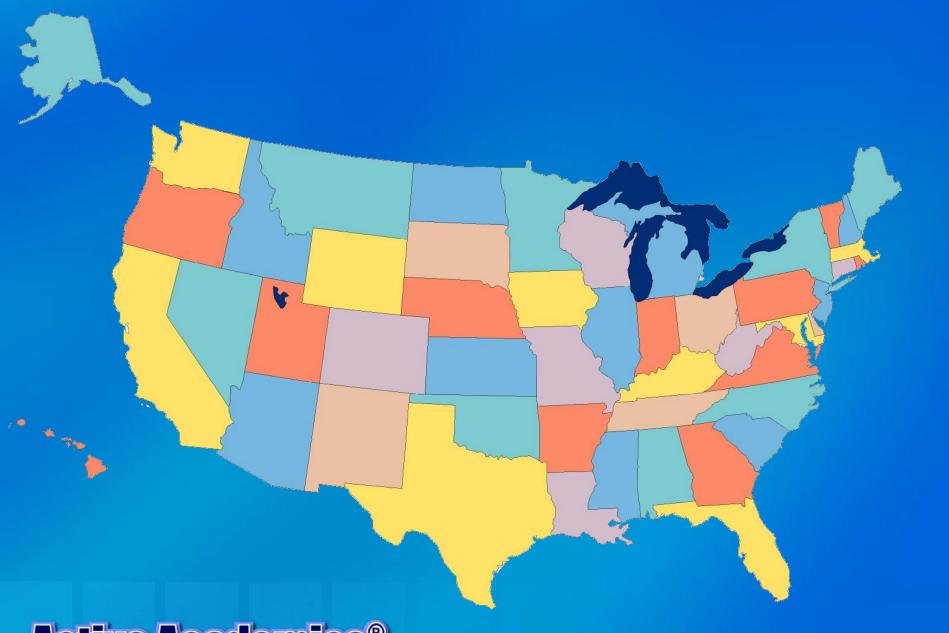
#### Materials/Equipment (Needed):

- Resource Available (click) SS S&S Exclusive Resource
  - 4 poly spots SSS
  - 8 cones SSS
  - 4 hula hoops SSS
  - 70 tongue depressors
  - 4 blank maps of the United States
  - 4 pencils

#### Description:

- 1. Write the names of all 50 states on a tongue depressor, (50) and also include 20 extra depressors without states. Place all depressors in the middle of the play area, without any words shown.
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## Social Studies: Wild and Wonderful WV

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#### Wild and Wonderful West Virginia

Suggested Grade Level(s): 4, 5









#### Activity Type(s):

Content standard-based movement activity

Suitable for use at home: yes

#### Content Standard(s):

- · 4 Science / Social Studies
  - NSS-G.K-12.2

Place and Regions MORE INFO >>>

- 5 Science / Social Studies
  - NSS-G.K-12.2:

Place and Regions MORE INFO SO

#### Purpose of Activity (objectives, etc.):

Take students on a tour of West Virginia learning about landmarks and things to do. This is a great activity to use when studying the Wild and Wonderful State.

#### Materials/Equipment (Needed):

Music: John Denver's – "Country Roads" (optional)

#### Description:

Teacher leads the class on a virtual tour of West Virginia. Students move at least 20 seconds for each of the actions listed below.

Tour can be personalized for your specific area.

- · March across the New River Gorge Bridge
- Kayak the Cheat River
- Climb up an Oak tree
- · Pretend you are a country music star, like Brad Paisley and wave to all your fans
- Flex your muscles like a lumber jack or a coal miner
- Stomp the mud off your boots
- Pick apples in Musselman
- · Ice skate with the Nailers at Wesbanco Arena
- Ski at Winterplace
- Climb to the top of Spruce Knob



## Science: Herbivore, Carnivore, Omnivore!

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#### Herbivore, Carnivore, Omnivore!

Suggested Grade Level(s): 3, 4









#### Activity Type(s):

Content standard-based movement activity

#### Content Standard(s):

- · 3 Science / Social Studies
  - NS.K-4.3:

Life Science MORE INFO >>



- 4 Science / Social Studies
  - NS.K-4.3:

Life Science MORE INFO >>

#### Purpose of Activity (objectives, etc.):

To help students understand the science terms of Herbivore, Carnivore, and Omnivore.

#### Materials/Equipment (Needed):

- 5 slips of paper for each student labeled LIFE.
- Colorful signs for each student to wear around their neck. You will need the following:
- One HUMAN (orange)
- Two OMNIVORE (yellow)
- Four CARNIVORE (blue)
- Enough for remaining students HERBIVORE (green)
- · Green cones for grass for herbivores to "eat"

#### Description:

Students should be instructed to play this game like Tag. The human can tag ("eat") any of them, the omnivores can tag ("eat") the carnivores or herbivores. The carnivores can only tag ("eat") the herbivores. The herbivores should try to survive! If a student is tagged, they are to give up one slip of paper ("life"). Once students are out of "life", they are return to their seat and perform some type of movement that the teacher designates.

Provide animal examples of herbivores (i.e. rabbits, deer, elephants, giraffes, hippos, pandas, bison, camel, cows, gorillas, horses, kangaroos, koalas, reindeer, rhinos, sheep, zebras), carnivores (i.e. wolves, tigers, lions, foxes, pumas, hyenas, otters, skunks, raccoons, seals, sharks), and omnivores (i.e. pigs, dogs, bears, mice, squirrels, hedgehogs, chimpanzees). As students are given their colored sign, have them choose an animal from the group color they were given (i.e. a giraffe as a herbivore). Have students run/walk around acting like their chosen animal. The herbivores will try to collect as much food/"grass"/green cones as they can without being eaten.



## Science/Health: Funny Bones (5)

#### Name of Activity:

**Funny Bones** 



Suggested Grade Level(s): 5

#### Content Standard(s):

- 5 Science / Social Studies
  - NS.5-8.3:

Life Science

#### Purpose of Activity (objectives, etc.):

Students will be able to identify different bones in the body.

#### Materials/Equipment (Needed):

Music for the Hokey Pokey (without words)

#### Description:

- This activity will be based on the song "The Hokey Pokey".
- 2. The teacher will teach a lesson on the anatomical names of the bones of the body and then tell the students to get in a circle formation.
- 3. The students will sing and learn while they point to each body part identified and place each body part inside the circle.
- 4. An example: "You put your tarsals in, you put your tarsals out, you put your tarsals in, and you shake it all about. You do the fun bone dance, and you turn yourself around, that's what it's all about!"
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## Science/Health: Funny Bones

- Use the bones of the body parts that you normally "put in" during the Hokey Pokey
  - Radius or Ulna (arm bone)
  - Tibia or Fibula (leg bone)
  - Patella (knee bone)
  - Skeleton (Whole body)
  - And more...





## **Funny Bones**

Left Tibia / Fibula

Right Radius / Ulna







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## Rock, Paper, Scissors Assessment

(Checking for understanding)

Jump 1 2 3...On 4:

Answer A: Land with feet apart

Answer B: Land with one knee up

Answer C: Land in a squat

Answer D: Land facing backwards





## Rock, Paper, Scissors Assessment

### CLAP 1 2 3...On 4:

Answer A: Arms overhead in a V shape

Answer B: Arms crossed across chest

Answer C: Hands behind head

Answer D: Arms out to side





# SOCIAL STUDIES: What is the capitol of Florida?

- A. Orlando
- B. Tampa
- C. Tallahassee
- D. Miami

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# SCIENCE: Which planet is closest to the sun?

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## Lesson ideas shared in this presentation

Language Arts	Social Studies	Science
Idiom Charades	50 States Game	Herbivore, Carnivore, Omnivore!
Sentence Shape Up	Wild and Wonderful WV	Funny Bones
Vocabulary Balloons	Rock, Paper, Scissor Jumps	



# Tips for integrating movement in academic lessons

- Start Small
- Establish classroom management strategies from the beginning
- Use existing resources for ideas and adapt to your class/students/lessons
- Brainstorm with colleagues (share ideas)
- Don't be afraid to try it!



How do you find AA activities that fit your class?





## Questions??

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