

Monday: GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER:

1. Write Names on Folders and give each child a name tag.
2. Play "Circle of Names"
Sit in circle, one player starts with, "I am Bob, and I like..." , each person going clockwise has to say all the names and likes before introducing themselves, as in, "Bob likes Pizza. Sally likes dogs. I am Jill, and I like swimming."
3. Play the Line-up game: Have your group line-up according to
"Height, shortest on this end, tallest on this end, go!!!"
"According to your birthday, January on this end, December on this end."
"According to who has the most siblings on this end, the least on this end."
"Most pets to least pets."
"How many plays or workshops you have been in."

Tuesday: LEARNING TO WORK TOGETHER

1. Sticky Paper Game: Give each child a sheet of paper. One Person in the Center, Others begin one at a time to touch the person in the center or each other with a sheet of paper being in between each point of contact. When all in the group are in place the person in the center begins to move and the others attempt to move with him or her, WITHOUT dropping any paper! (Point of contact can be hands, legs, head, elbows, anything!)
2. Count to 10 in a Group: Sit in a circle (larger groups may want to divide into 2 groups of 8-12 players) One person randomly says "1" another randomly says "2". The group may not go in order or discuss who is going to say what number, but the goal is to count to ten without overlapping (two or more people saying a particular number) This is hard and takes much focus.

Wednesday: LEARN TO KEEP YOUR COOL AND GO WITH THE FLOW ONSTAGE (Fun Stuff)

1. Play "Will You Buy My Donkey?" Players sit in a circle. One person stands in the middle and is "it" and another is in the middle with him/her and is "the donkey". The person who is "it" picks a person from the circle and asks, "Will you buy my donkey?" The person should say, "No. Thank you." With a straight face. The "it" person will then go to another person in the circle and say, "But my donkey can... (fly a kite/do magic/give the best smiles/etc). Will YOU buy my Donkey?" The Donkey should try to do whatever the "it" person says he/she can do. When someone in the circle does not answer with a straight face or laughs, he or she becomes the donkey and the donkey becomes "it".

Thursday: Use Your Body (And your brain!) NO SOUND ALLOWED!

1. Play Bad Monkey (Also called the “Impossible Pantomime”): Each child takes turns pantomiming an animal doing a random task. Whoever guesses goes next until everyone has gone. If anyone says “this is too hard, or this is impossible, etc, the whole group should shake their fingers and say “BAD MONKEY!”

Monkey driving a car
Elephant watching TV
Horse vacuuming
Donkey jumping rope
Cat walking a dog
Dog dusting.
Butterfly swimming.
Snake baking cookies
Baboon cooking a meal
Lion rocking a baby
Seal marching in a marching band

Duck riding a bike
Bear doing ballet
Giraffe picking strawberries
Tiger playing golf
Rabbit washing dishes
Frog hula-hooping
Lizard doing laundry
Octopus playing the piano
Raccoon playing the guitar
Squirrel doing exercises
Penguin dancing

Friday: Compliment Bombardment: Encouraging one another.

1. Sit in a circle (divide into groups of 8-12). Focusing on one actor at a time, each person in the circle must compliment the person of focus. Try to encourage the actors to compliment on behavior or talent rather than just by physical appearance.