



PATIO PLAY: GAME ON!

Try these games indoors or outdoors! Play wherever you have space.

This week's activities: Ball and Spoon Race – Outdoor Snakes and Ladders – Classic Games

Ball and Spoon Race

Grab a spoon, a small ball and your running shoes – it's time to have a race.

Suggested Materials:

- A small ball like a ping-pong or golf ball. One for each runner. A small toy could work, too.
- A spoon for each runner.



Directions:

1. Give each runner a ball and a spoon.
2. Place spoon in mouth, then place ball on spoon, and hold your arms behind your back.
3. Ready, set, go! Start your race without dropping the ball on the ground.



Outdoor Snakes and Ladders

Make a game board outside and play.

Suggested Materials:

- Sidewalk chalk
- A paved surface in a safe place
- Dice

Directions:

1. Draw a game board on the pavement and number the squares (the game board can be 6x6 squares, or however many you can fit in the space).
2. Add snakes and ladders to different pairs of squares (whichever pairs you want).
3. Take turns rolling the dice and moving the same number of squares shown on the dice.
4. Whoever makes it to the end of the game board first, wins!



More Classic Games

What Time is it, Mr. Wolf?

Number of players: Three or more.

Choose one player to be the wolf. The wolf stands with their back to the rest of the players lined up at the opposite end of the play area.

The players call out, "What time is it, Mr. Wolf?" Mr. Wolf shouts out a time between 1 & 12. The number he shouts is the number of steps the players take toward him (ex. for 9 o'clock take 9 steps).



When the players get close to Mr. Wolf, he shouts "Lunch Time!" and chases the players back to the start line. If a player is caught by Mr. Wolf, that player becomes Mr. Wolf.

Simon Says

Number of Players: Two or more.

This game can be played anywhere, even in a car or other small space.

One person is Simon and starts by saying, "Simon says, '[insert action here]'." Everyone must then do the action. However, if Simon makes an action request without saying, "Simon says" at the start of the request, anyone who does that action is out. The last person still playing in the end is the next Simon.

Red light, Green light

Number of players: a small group.

One person is the traffic light at one end of the playing area. The other players are at the other end.



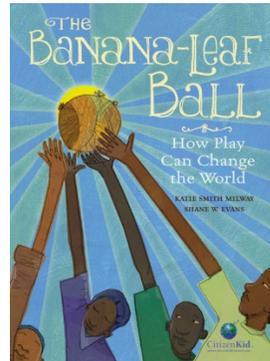
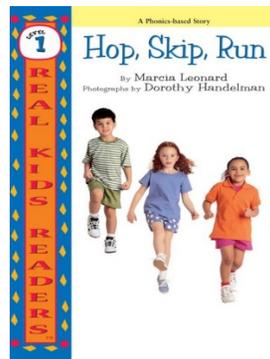
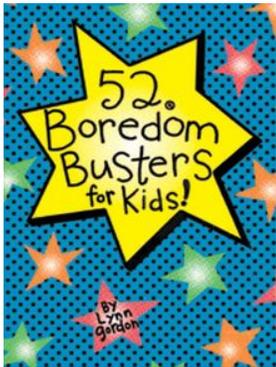
When the traffic light faces the group, he or she says, "Red light!" and everyone must freeze. The traffic light then turns their back and says, "Green light!" while the group tries to get as close to the traffic light as possible.

The traffic light turns around quickly, again saying, "Red light!", and everyone freezes. If anyone is spotted moving, they must go back to the starting place.

The first person to tag the traffic light wins and gets to be the next traffic light.

Links to eResources:

For more fun and game ideas, check out these eBooks!



[52 Things Series](#) | [Games](#) | [Balls](#)

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