**Ball Brigade**

**Ball Collection Game 7**

**Objective**: Students will work in a team and develop their hand-eye coordination while trying to successfully throw and catch as many lettered balls as they can.

**Materials**:

Cones, buckets and lettered balls

**The Plan**:

This game is played with 2 or more teams that are even in size. The teams all begin by standing in a line so that if they put their arms straight out, they barely touch fingertips with the team members they are next to.

Divide everyone into teams and get teams standing in parallel lines that extend into the field.

* When the game begins each team will have a bucket of balls on one end of their line and an empty bucket on the other side.
* Teams will try to toss a ball from person to person all the way down the line.
* Any ball that makes it all the way down the line without being dropped will be placed in the empty bucket. Dropped balls are left on the ground.
* After a few balls are passed at this close distance everyone in the line needs to spread out so they are now a yard farther from the team members on their sides.
* A few balls are passed at this distance and then the leader keeps making the teams spread farther and farther apart until many of the balls are being dropped.
* The challenge should continue until each team has at least 15 letters.
* When the leader decides that the tossing portion is done the teams should sit in a circle.
* Teams will then begin playing SMARTOPOTAMUS BRAIN BUILDER with the balls they have collected.

**Variations:**

* All throws and catches must be done with only the right hand.
* Everyone must clap while the ball is in the air before they catch it.
* Make everyone throw with their left hands.

**Good Introduction:**

“Who here has ever seen a fire brigade? A fire brigade is where you have a long line of people passing bucket of water. Today you will be doing a similar thing as you try to fill up a bucket with tennis balls.”

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