**Hockey Noodling**

**Ball Collection Game 4**

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

**Materials**:

Cones, Foam Noodles 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 behind 2 cones that create a goal for their team. Each team has its own goal. Every player has a foam noodle that they will use like a hockey stick to smack the balls through their goal.

Divide everyone into teams and get teams standing behind their goals.

* Before the game begins the leader will scatter all of the balls out in the field.
* When the game begins the teams will run out into the field to begin hitting the balls back through their goals.
* At least one player from each team will stay back to gather up the balls as they come through the goal.
* Students are welcome to play defense or offense while the balls are in play. This means that they may choose to block other teams from scoring in order to save more balls for their own goal.
* After all balls have gone through the goals teams will begin playing SMARTOPOTAMUS BRAIN BUILDER with the balls they have collected.

**Variations:**

* Move the goals closer or farther from the other goals.
* Only allow people to hold the noodle in their left hands.
* Make each goal very small or very big.
* Allow students to begin spelling as soon as balls begin coming through the goals.

**Good Introduction:**

“Who here has played some form of hockey? Hockey is great but there is usually only one puck for everyone to chase around. Today we will be playing a type of hockey in which there are dozens of balls for you to hit with your noodle hockey stick.”

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