

Using a Fly Swatter for Games!

Fact #1: Kids like to move!

Fact #2: Kids LOVE a good competition.

Since these two statements are true, how about I share a fun way to get kids moving and sharing in a little friendly competition?

Have you used a fly swatter in your classroom yet? If not, you should. It's an easy way to give students permission to hit things {in a good way, of course!}.

What a fabulous idea from Nicole at . She created this "keyboard" {*modeled after a real keyboard arrangement*} out of a shower curtain, sharpie, a letter stickers. Students get to practice finding each letters on the keyboard AND practice spelling words by slapping the right letters on their keyboard. Love!

A sight word is read, a sight word is slapped! That's the gist with this fun game idea from the blog, . Seems like a winning

game to me. Students race to be the first person to slap the called out word. I can totally see this being used for math, too, and have students slap the correct answer to a math problem given.

Which team gets to answer the next question in your review game? Well, I don't know - let's see who can race to the board and slap it first? The winner gets to answer the next question and possibly score a point for their team.

Here's a that you can use over and over. Make the swatting board like shown above {left} with large construction circles glued to it and then laminate it. Then, throughout the year fill in the circles with your desired skill using a vis-a-vis marker that can be easily wiped away - and *POOF*- make a new game!

See - now don't you want to go out and buy a class set of fly swatters for your classroom?

How have you used a fly swatter with your kiddos?



Comparing Numbers

