

The Ribbon Game: Expressing Feelings, Gratitude, and Compliments



Materials needed:

1. Spool of 1-inch ribbon (any color)
2. A napkin ring or other object with a hole in it that is big enough to go over the ribbon
3. Music that can easily be shut off and on

Directions:

1. Pass the spool of ribbon around the room so that every child is holding a piece of the ribbon. Do not cut the ribbon until the very last person has a hold on the ribbon. 2. This is a variation of Musical Chairs so that when the music is playing the children are passing the ring along the ribbon without skipping any one. When the music stops, whoever is holding the ring has to say something: express a feeling, gratitude, or a compliment.

Hint: Give thorough instructions to the students before the game begins about what to say and how to say it. If the game is about compliments, have the students say something about the person next to them so that every student has a chance to receive a compliment. Have the student who receives the compliment say, "Thank you."

Also, have the students give compliments that are not about the other person's looks or clothing, etc.