

Music and Movement techniques indirectly connected with Maths

Keep the Beat

Description

Students stand in a circle. Teacher: “Pass the beat around the room”. This phrase has 7 syllables. Teacher repeats the phrase on a steady beat and between the repetition he/she makes a small pause of 1 beat. That makes it 8 beats for each sentence. Students repeat with the teacher until they all keep the same tempo.

Students repeat this sentence in the circle by clapping to each syllable, even on the rest. Students should say the sentence in the circle while each one says only one syllable. I.e: student 1 says “Pass”, Student 2 “the”, Student 3 “beat”.... student 8 just claps with no syllable.

Ideas to use:

1. All students should keep a steady beat and say the correct syllable. Those who miss either the beat or the syllable get out of the circle
2. Those who miss the syllable don't lose their spot but they remain silent. This way the next student should say the following syllable but on the next beat! (appropriate for older kids)
3. Make a new rhyme and play the game with your students

