BEACH BALL WONDEWEND



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SUPPLIES

A large beach ball

SET UP

- The kids should be seated in their chairs.
 - IMPORTANT: Make sure the kids understand that they must remain seated to play the game. Their team will lose a point for every student who stands. If they are allowed to stand things will get out of control very quickly. Nobody wants that.
- Designate 1 person for each team that will pick up the ball and put it back in play when it hits the floor. To keep things fair and unbiased have a kid from the blue team pick up the ball for the red team and a kid from the red team picking up the ball for the blue team. This will cut out 90% of the "cheating" accusations.

GAMEPLAY

- 1. Each team starts with 20 points
- 2. Toss the ball to one of the teams.
- 3. The team will hit the ball to the other team.
 - a. Ok, let's be real, what will actually happen is the first kid to touch the ball will whack it as hard as they can causing it to fly out of bounds and earn a point for the opposing team. This will happen over and over and over without your intervention. Show the kids that if they want to win they will need to hit the ball very lightly. Let them try a couple times before restarting the game.
- 4. Allow the kids to bat the ball back and fourth. Every time the ball touches the ground, the team that caused it to happen loses a point. When a team is out of points the game is over!
 - a. You will have to use your own judgment on who loses points and no matter what, half the kids won't be happy with your call. Tell them that arguing with the ref costs a point. That stops the arguing quick ©

SUGGESTIONS

• If you have a student who repeatedly hits the ball too hard every time the ball is close, set that child out for the rest of the game, allowing them to rejoin the next game.