

BASKETBALL ACTIVITIES!

BASKETBALL HEIGHTS

You have to be especially tall
To qualify for basketball.
All players are, of course, quite strong.
Their legs and arms are extra long.
The ball is dribbled on the floor,
Thrown through the basket for a score.
I love to watch this lively sport
But, rather be playing on the court.
This game has been my great desire
If only I'd grown inches higher.
Did you ever hear of a team or sport
Just for people who are short?



RAINY DAY BASKETBALL

Break the winter doldrums with this simple rainy day activity.

Divide the class into two teams. Have each team player shoot free shots into a wastebasket using a crumpled piece of paper or a lightweight foam rubber ball. Keep score and award the winning team an extra five minutes of free time.

You may want students to practice specific facts, such as spelling words or multiplication tables, before they are permitted to shoot for a basket.

BASKETBALL BINGO!

This game offers an exciting way to introduce students to basketball. Give each child a copy of the bingo words listed below or write the words on the chalkboard. Ask students to write any 24 words on his or her bingo card. Use the same directions you might use for regular bingo.

BASKETBALL	FREE THROW	GUARD	COACH
COURT	CENTER	JUMP SHOT	BASKET
TEAM	FORWARD	BASKET	PENALTY
SCORE	BACK COURT	OUT OF BOUNDS	SHOT
OFFICIAL	FRONT COURT	FOUL	BENCH
REFEREE	DRIBBLING	SHOOT	NET
UMPIRE	LAY UP	SLAM DUNK	PASS
OFFENSE	HOLDING	HALFTIME	BOUNCE
DEFENSE	HOOK SHOT	HOOP	TIME CLOCK
ZONE	CHARGING	BACKBOARD	GYMNASIUM