

Welcome Back Party Games

Forcing the City Gates

Forcing the City Gates is a Chinese game similar to Red Rover. The children divide into two teams and each team forms a line by joining hands. The two lines of children stand facing each other about 10 to 15 feet apart. A child from one team runs at the line of the other team, trying to burst through between hands. If he fails, a child from the team that was just attacked counterattacks. The game goes back and forth until one team breaks through the other.

Cat and Mouse

Cat and Mouse is a traditional Chinese chasing game played with 10 to 30 kids. One child is the cat, the other is the mouse, and the rest of the children form a circle and link hands with the cat outside and the mouse inside. The children in the circle revolve around for a bit, then stop. When they stop, the cat tries to catch the mouse. The mouse can dodge in and out of the circle and the cat has to follow the same path the mouse took. The game continues until the cat catches the mouse. Then the cat becomes the mouse and a new cat is chosen.

Chopstick Pass

Materials: Each team receives a pair of chopsticks, 2 paper bowls and walnuts, acorns or cranberries

To Play

- Have two teams formed with a starting line and finish line for the relay. Give the first person on the team a set of chopsticks. He/she needs to pick up the object in the bowl using the chopsticks (no hands) and run it down to the finish line without dropping it. He/she place it in the bowl at the finish line and pass the chopsticks to the next person in line.
- The first team finishing the race wins.
- If an object drops they need to pick it up and continue the race. (No hands allowed! Only chopsticks!)