Beach Ball Bonding Icebreaker

Learning outcomes:

- Students will have an opportunity to share and discuss their goals and values

Necessary materials:

- One beach ball
- Permanent markers

Class preparations:

- Inflate your beach ball and write questions all over it! The questions we wrote on our ball are listed below.

Instructions:

- Have your class sit in a circle.
- Allow them to toss the ball around the circle (emphasis on toss, not spike). When someone catches the ball, they have to read and answer the question closest to their thumb on their right hand.

Why this activity is cool:

- The movement of the ball keeps kids interested. Everyone wants to catch the ball.
- This activity can be a good way to end your class if your lesson ends early.
- It can make a less chatty class a little chattier.
- The questions can be altered to best fit your classroom.

On our ball, we wrote the following fun, silly questions:

- What would you do if you never had to go to school or work again?
- If you could be anything when you grew up, what would you be?
- If you could be any animal what would you be?
- If you had a baby dinosaur, what would you feed it?
- What’s your favorite movie?
- What’s your favorite song?
- Who is your favorite celebrity?
- What qualities do you look for in a friend?
- If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
- What’s your favorite sport?
• Who is someone you admire and why?
• What do you like to do during summer vacation?
• When you were a little kid, what did you want to do when you grew up?
• What’s your favorite book?
• If you were a musician, what music would you make?
• What was your favorite toy as a little kid?
• What would you do with a million dollars?
• What is your favorite item of clothing?
• What is the best gift you ever got?
• If you wrote a book, what would you write about?
• What are you most likely to be famous for?
• What is one thing we might not know about you?
• What is one thing you could do to make it easier for everyone to be themselves at school?
• What does it look like when you get to be yourself?
• What’s your favorite holiday?
• What’s your favorite subject in school?
• What’s your favorite video game?
• Who is your favorite musician?
• What’s your favorite food?
• If you could speak a different language, what would you speak?
• If you could have any animal as a pet, what pet would you have?
• What’s your favorite TV show?
• What social media site do you like best?
• Where do you feel most like yourself?
• What does it look like when you’re in a healthy peer relationship?
• What does it feel like when you’re in a healthy relationship?