

Icebreaker: Thumb Ball

Learn about your new friends with this interactive icebreaker.



Grade Range: PreK – 8th grade

Time: 20 Minutes

Synopsis: Learn about each student and adult while getting students active and promoting literacy.

Materials:

- Ball
- Sharpie
- Questions
- Safe area to throw a ball



Instructions:

1. Formulate a list of age appropriate questions for your mentees to answer
 - a. 1) How many siblings do you have?
 - 2) If you could meet one person in the world, who would it be?
 - 3) What's your favorite school activity or subject?
 - 4) If you were principal, what would be the first thing you'd do?
 - 5) What is your dream job?
 - 6) Can you name five states?
 - 7) What food could you eat all day?
 - 8) What do you like about yourself?
 - 9) Do you have any pets?
 2. Write the questions in large print with a sharpie in block formatting on the ball.
 3. Sit in a circle and toss the ball. When caught, each person must answer the question that is under his or her left thumb. It is important that each person stands, and speaking loudly, answers the question, as well as says their name and one other interesting fact about themselves (If the student is too young to read the question, have a nearby adult read it out loud).
- *Consider making this activity more manageable by making more conversation balls and dividing into smaller groups and/or rolling the ball on the floor instead of tossing.