BE ACTIVE MDS®

50 Things To Dowith a Beach Ball

- 1. Throw the ball through a hanging hula-hoop.
- 2. Play catch.
- 3. Volley the ball with friends using different body parts.
- Write colors, shapes, numbers, or letters, on 4. the ball and shout the one you see when you catch the ball.
- 5. Sit on the floor with legs spread across from someone and push/roll the ball together.
- Secure the ball between your legs and try 6. to walk or move with it.
- 7. Create partner challenges to move the ball around personal space or general space in different ways.
- Hang the ball from a tree as a target. 8.
- 9. Put the ball in a mesh bag and kick it (while holding the other end of the bag).
- **10.** Play musical beach balls.
- **11.** Suspend off the ground in a mesh bag (or panty hose) to practice motor skills.
- **12.** Place the ball on top of a cone and play t-ball.
- **13.** Use as a bowling ball to knock over empty soda bottle pins.
- 14. Play beach ball hockey with a ball and a pool noodle.
- Play "hot potato".
- **16.** Using a towel, pair children up and have them toss the ball into the air and catch it on the towel.
- 17. Roll the ball around the room or over/ under obstacles.

- **18.** Pretend it is a heavy weight and lift it in different ways.
- **19.** Squeeze the ball with hands, legs, arms,
- **20.** Hold the ball in your arms and move them from side to side.
- **21.** Hit the ball to a partner using your head.
- **22.** Use as a steering wheel.
- **23.** Balance on body parts.
- **24.** Throw or kick and chase.
- Kick the ball against a wall.
- **26.** Keep the ball on the ground and hit the ball on the side with your hand.
- **27.** Practice movement concepts such as levels, directions, speeds or effort.
- **28.** Create targets with colors and try to hit them with the ball.
- **29.** Move the ball over the head and under and through legs.
- **30.** Don't let the ball hit the floor by hitting with your hands (keep it up).
- **31.** Balance the ball on your head and try to walk.
- **32.** Try to juggle the ball.
- **33.** Roll the beach ball down a slide and have someone else catch it at the bottom.
- **34.** Hit the ball against a wall.
- **35.** Throw the ball at a hanging pie plate.
- **36.** Try to kick the ball between two cones.
- **37.** Line baskets labeled with number or letter and try to throw the ball into the corresponding basket.
- **38.** Use deflated beach ball as spot markers.

- **39.** Use a deflated beach balls to carry loose parts.
- **40.** Label the ball with different movements and when it is caught, perform the movement that you see first.
- 41. Play modified baseball with the ball and a cardboard tube.
- **42.** Play modified kickball.
- **43.** Divide the class into two or more groups and have the groups throw the ball back and forth over the rope.
- **44.** Play relay games with the ball.
- See how many times you can throw the ball up and catch it.
- **46.** See how many balls you can carry without dropping any.
- **47.** Try to spin the ball on your finger.
- Balance on big serving spoon while walking.
- Use it as a target or move it around by squirting with a hose.
- Play crab soccer.



