

Outdoor educational experiences

1. Book Walk- have different short stories and activities on yard signs located in different areas outside (all within visual attention of the teacher). The students go to the numbered



2. Telling time- draw clocks on the walkway. Give the student's flashcards with times on them to draw the corresponding hands. You could then play "jump on the clock that says X:XX time"



3. Have the students sit on the grass- read a story- then have them get up and throw a beach ball with comprehension questions to the students to answer. You can use multiple balls with various questions. These can be made from dollar store balls or you can purchase premade balls (called **Guided Reading Beach Balls Manipulative from Carson Dellosa**).



- Hopscotch addition/ multiplication – draw a few hopscotch boards (with numbers 0-12) on the walkway, have the kids throw a beanbag on a number- jump to it- then throw a beanbag a second time to do the multiplication/addition equation. This could be done with small groups.
- Musical chairs reading- bring chairs outside. Each student chooses a book, sits down and starts to read (5 minutes). When the timer goes off they get up, the music starts, and they walk around until the music stops. They sit in the chair they are standing in front of and start reading the new book. You can include a rating sheet for them to rate the books they read.



- Musical chairs writing- bring chairs outside. Each student has a clipboard, paper and pencil. The students sit in a chair and start to write a story. They need to write until the music starts. When the music starts they get up and they walk around until the music stops. They sit in the chair they are standing in front of and read the story their peer started to write. They add to the story until the music starts again. (10 min interval) The kids could read the stories aloud when they have had 4-5 rotations.
- Make a Big as Life Board game- (directions here <http://makezine.com/craft/how-to-make-a-big-as-life-board/>) This game board can be adapted for various subjects (Social studies, science, vocabulary words, etc.). Once a board is created it can be shared between multiple classrooms- the teachers only have to create the game cards (or use cards from classroom board games).

