

Learning Communities Beginner Equipment List (revised 2/17/16)

This list is based on the assumption that the beginning user has a class of about 30 students and will want to use all of the activities described on the website. Sizes are not necessarily exact. They are sizes that I personally have found to be good for use in a typical classroom or may be just the size material I could find. Experiment for yourself.

QUANTITY	ITEM	SIZE	ACTIVITY
1	Red rope or webbing	40 feet	Growth Circles, Amoeba, Yurt Circle, Hidden Polygon, Don't Touch Me
1	Yellow rope or webbing	30 feet	Growth Circles, Amoeba, Yurt Circle, Hidden Polygon, Giant Lizard Egg
1	Green rope or webbing	17 feet	Growth Circles, Amoeba, Yurt Circle, Hidden Polygon
6	Any color rope or webbing	8 feet	After Vacation Rope Circles
30	Buddy ropes ¹	12 inches	Sherpa Walk
30	Plastic molding or foam ramps ²	12-18 inches	Marble Tracks
5	Marbles		Marble Tracks
10	Throwables (i.e.: Koosh Balls, etc.)		Name Toss, Integrity Ball, Warp Speed
1	Large tarp	~ 15X15 feet	All Aboard
6	Small tarp	~ 4X6 feet	Turn Over a New Leaf, Peek-a-Who
1	Beach ball		Moonball
1	Rubber chicken ³		Flip Me The Bird
30	Spots ⁴		I Like Someone Who..., Islands
2	Sections of pool noodle	12-18 inches	Wizards and Gelflings, Shakers
1	Risk Cards ⁵		High Risk, Low Risk
2	Shakers/Rattles/Noise Makers ⁶		Shakers
MANY!	Balloons		Balloon Frantic, Balloon Trolleys
1	Bowling ball		Giant Lizard Egg
MANY!	Random sized ropes and webbing		Giant Lizard Egg
30	Rope Loops	24 inches	Islands
1 deck	Spot It! cards		Spot It! Activities

1. Buddy ropes are short pieces of rope (8" – 12") for students to hold either end when doing hand-holding activities if they have problems with holding other peoples' hands.
2. Plastic molding is corner molding that can be found at a home improvement/hardware store like Home Depot. It is easy to cut and works well for marble ramps for older students. Foam ramps are made of foam pipe insulation that can also be found at home improvement/hardware stores like Home Depot. It usually comes in four foot pieces and can be split in two with a scissors and cut into sections of the desired length(s).
3. Even though I don't generally do "Flip Me the Bird" anymore, it just makes me happy to open up my bag and see a rubber chicken.
4. Spots can be poly spots (like your PE teacher probably has), or any other material that students can stand on that won't be slippery. A classroom set of poly spots can be heavy. Not a problem if you keep them in your classroom and generally use them in there. However, my job requires me to be pretty mobile. I use pieces of painter's tarp that is very light and a little bit grippy.
5. Risk Cards can be copied from pages 120 – 122 in *Journey Toward the Caring Classroom* by Laurie Frank. If you own the book, you have her permission to copy those pages. You can also make them yourself.
6. Shakers/Rattles/Noise Makers just need to be to be two things that make distinctly different noises.