

Elementary Level Sharing

MSCA Spring Conference

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Thank you for coming to our Elementary Level Sharing time. This is my favorite part of the conference each year, as I learn so much from my colleagues who are out there practicing the art of helping kids! Thanks in advance for sharing your ideas and thoughts with the group.

One of my favorite things to do with kids is play board games. I find that they are great ice breakers and many facilitate the goals we are trying to meet with individuals and groups of kids.

The most effective games I've found are Cranium Games. A few that my students love are:

Hullabaloo: Pre-k through 2nd grade. Great for those kids who love to move and who need help learning to share. Creates a lot of laughter!

Balloon Lagoon: K-3, although many of my older kids request it after getting older. They love it! 2-4 players. Helps with fine motor skills and communication, letter recognition.

Whoonu: Great for new student groups. Best for third grade and older, as kids need to be able to read fairly well. Helps them get to know each other's "favorites." Super fun.

I will compile a list of everyone here today and e-mail it to each of you. If you ever have any questions for me or if I can support you in any way, please don't hesitate to call or write.

Smiles,

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