

TOOLS FOR LEARNING CIRCUS ARTS



BASIC JUGGLING

MIDDLE (6-8)

STUDENT TARGETS

- Skill: I will perform cascade juggling with scarves.
- Cognitive: I will discuss and explain Newton's first law of motion.
- Fitness: I will participate and actively engage in circus arts activities.
- Personal & Social Responsibility: I will identify and demonstrate responsible behaviors related to safe, positive circus arts participation.

TEACHING CUES

- Focus on Form
- Put in Work
- Be Patient with Yourself
- Stay Safe

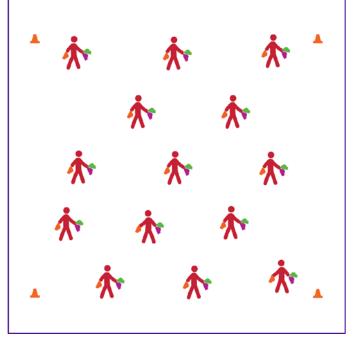
ACTIVITY SET-UP & PROCEDURE

Equipment:

- 3 juggling scarves per student
- Circus Arts Activity Cards
- Music

Set-Up:

- **1.** Students scattered in activity area, each with 3 juggling scarves.
- 2. Display Basic Juggling Cue Chart.



Activity Procedures:

- 1. Today we'll begin our Circus Arts module with basic scarf juggling.
- 2. We'll follow the juggling progression on the OPEN Activity Card and then spend time practicing each challenge on our own.
- **3.** Teachers, use part 1 of the Scarf Juggling Activity Card to follow this activity sequence: 1) diagonal toss/catch 1 scarf; 2) crisscross toss/toss catch/catch 2 scarves; 3) Cascade (X pattern) with 3 scarves.
- 4. Use this activity's debrief questions to discuss the suggested forces of science topic.
- 5. When students are ready, progress to Column Juggling in part 2 of the Activity Card.

Grade Level Progression:

6th: Students perform 1 or more basic skills from Level 1 of the activity card.

7th: Students perform all of the skills from Level 1 of the activity card.

8th: Students perform all Level 1 skills and 1 or more Level 2 Skills.



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UNIVERSAL DESIGN ADAPTATIONS

- Use larger scarves and focus on basic toss and catch.
- Toss scarves into a target such as a hoop.

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE Juggle, Cascade, Gravity, Wind Resistance, Newton's Laws of Motion, Actively Engage, Responsibility, Safe

STANDARDS & OUTCOMES ADDRESSED

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DEBRIEF QUESTIONS

- DOK 1: What is gravity?
- DOK 2: Can you explain how juggling is affected by gravity?
- DOK 3: How is wind resistance related to juggling? Provide examples.
- **DOK 1:** What is Newton's first law of motion?
- DOK 2: Can you explain how gravity affects the inertia of objects being juggled?
- **DOK 3:** Can you elaborate on each aspect of juggling that is related to Newton's first law of motion?

TEACHING STRATEGY FOCUS **Preview New Content:** As you begin the Circus Arts module, take a few minutes at the start of the lesson to demonstrate the various skills that will be taught over the course of the unit using the unique equipment. YouTube is a great resources for hundreds of juggling/circus demonstrations and tutorials.



