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Good Sportsmanship

You Will Need

items for an obstacle course: orange cones, balls, beanbags, playground equipment, etc.

tagboard

yarn or ribbon

camera

5¹/₂" x 8¹/₂" craft foam

crayons, scissors, glue

Before the Lesson

1. Set up an obstacle course in the gym or on the playground.
2. Copy medals (page 54) on tag board; one per child.
3. Make a copy of *I Am a Good Sport* (page 55) and *The Sportsmanship Code* (page 53) for each child.

Read Aloud

The Big Tee Ball Game by Larry Dane Brimmer

Before reading the story, ask the children what it means to be "a good sport." Write responses on the board or chart paper.

Talk About

After reading the story, have the children add ideas to the list of what it means to be a good sport. Read *The Sportsmanship Code* to them. Tell the children to listen and see if any of their ideas are in the code. After discussing the code, explain that you have set up an obstacle

course and that you will be dividing the class into teams.

As each team works through the obstacle course, the other teams will be watching and cheering them on. When everyone has finished, the teams will shake hands and everyone will receive a medal to show good sportsmanship.

Kids Create

1. Before the children go through the obstacle course, each child colors a medal, cuts it out and hands it in.
2. After everyone has had a chance to go through the obstacle course, use yarn or ribbon to place a medal around each child's neck.
3. Take a photo of the class wearing their medals. Download the photo to a photo site such as Walmart.com. If you wish, order the picture in a poster size (there are usually a few poster sizes to choose from.)
4. Display the poster and a copy of *The Sportsmanship Code* on a bulletin board with the heading: We are Good Sports!
5. Each child makes a locker or cubby magnet by coloring the words "I am a good sport," cutting them out and gluing them horizontally onto a piece of craft foam.
6. The children display their finished projects on their lockers or cubbies or take them home.

The Sportsmanship Code

1. I will play as part of the team and I will play fair.



2. I will cheer on my teammates.



3. I will treat the other team with respect.



4. I will shake hands when the game is over.



Sportsmanship Awards

