



### **Bored? Games**

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Sometimes, no matter what we offer, some of the kids just want to pick a buddy and head to a table with a board game. With choices like Clue, Mancala, Connect Four, Chess, Checkers, and Settlers of Catan, there is always something to satisfy all tastes. What we love about board games is that they teach a variety of lessons. First, they teach responsibility for the materials: if they lose pieces, they can no longer play. Second, they teach the ability to compromise on choices. And last but not least, they teach important social skills.

### **All-Time Favorite: Dodgeball**

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If you ask any of the kids that spend most of their time in the gym what they want to play, the answer will most likely be some version of dodgeball. Over the years we've fine-tuned the game, offering as many different options as there are kids. Some of the games require the kids to be split up, but we've come up with a few that allow all the kids to be in the gym participating at the same time, which the little ones really love. And there are also a few versions which the kids have invented themselves, which makes them feel good about themselves.

