



Moving forward with Large group time

Overview


HighScope's large group time is a segment of the day when adults and children share an experience as partners. Large group time, which lasts 10-15 minutes, contributes a sense of community in the classroom. It is a time when everybody comes together to participate in music and movement, songs and cooperative games.

PQA-II-H The program has a time each day for large group activities that reflect and extend children's interest and development

- There is a daily time set aside for large group activities
- Throughout large group time, children contribute their own ideas and participate at their own developmental levels (individual children move in their own ways, try out one another's ideas for singing and moving and take turns leading others)
- All adults participate with the children at each large group time

Goals for moving forward

1. Plan group large group experiences ahead of time
 - __Children's interests
 - __Curriculum content
 - __Cooperative play and projects
 - __Events currently meaningful to the children
2. Use a beginning, middle and end to support children through each part of a large group time activity

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3. Support and extend large group time activities
 - _ Watch and listen to children
 - _ Imitate children's actions
 - _ Use children's words
 - _ Assume children's physical level
 - _ Let the children be leaders
 - _ Follow up children's suggestions and modifications
 4. Encourage children to explore and use materials at their own developmental pace
 - _ Encourage the children to make up their own movements to music, songs and fingerplays

Implementation plan

1. Explore this video on Large group time:
<https://vimeo.com/171097206>
2. Read this article about the benefits of Large group time: [How to Use Music Throughout the Daily Routine](#)
3. Prepare a large group time activity using this document: [Large Group Planning Sheet](#)