

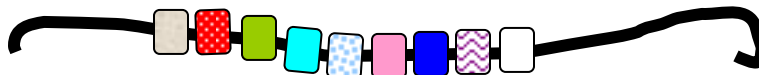
Topics: Instructional Methodologies

Materials List

- ✓ Pony Beads (1 color for each learning station)
- ✓ Chenille stem (1 per student)

Beads of Knowledge

Each Bead Represents a Learning Station



Students gather a bead at each station in this activity that works particularly well with a field trip or special event where you want students to participate in a variety of learning activities.

To Do and Notice

1. Provide all students with a chenille stem to wear around their wrists and a list or map with information on possible learning stations to visit.
2. Instruct students to visit and complete the activity at a given number of stations (at least 50%). The possibilities for activities are endless, but could include:
 - playing a game
 - creating an object
 - taking a poll
 - tasting a new food
 - listening to piece of music
 - completing a physical challenge
 - adding their opinion to a list
 - conducting an experiment
3. In order to get credit (points) for the field trip or special event, students would need to show their bracelets to the instructor. Instructors may also wish to add a written, “reflection of the experience” component to the assignment.

The Content Behind the Activity

This method of gathering tokens (beads) by participating in a percentage of possible activities creates a quest challenge to help students engage in learning while also providing opportunity for students to make decisions. Directions to students are clear, simple, and fun! Educators can easily check student participation by viewing the number of beads on each bracelet.

Taking it Further

This activity idea can take several forms. For example, students could carry a paper “passport” and collect a stamp at each station instead of a bead.

Web Resources (Visit www.raft.net/raft-idea?isid=297 for more resources!)