



Kites in the Classroom

Can You Count?

We all make mistakes

We all know that everyone makes mistakes, and that mistakes are an essential part of all learning - from falling down learning to ride a bike, to forgetting what we want to say when we give an answer in class. But this is exactly what many of the students we work with don't want to do. So how can we help them?

Try this simple game as a way to have fun and celebrate mistakes, and Motivate, Engage and Inspire your students!

Start by having all your students stand in a circle where they can see each other.

- Chose one student to start off and have everyone count off starting from one. Tell students that they are going to have to remember their own number.
- Student 1 says their own number, and another number. For example 1 and 24.
- Student 24 will say their own number, and another number - 24 and 17.
- Keep going around the circle saying their own number and a new number.
- Encourage older students to try to chose a number that hasn't been called yet, but it's not absolutely necessary.
- When a student makes a mistake - by saying the numbers out of order, or getting their own number wrong - they celebrate by saying YES! and give everyone a high five as they move from their current position to the number 1 position.
- Everyone counts off again and has to remember their new number.
- Student 1 starts off a new round by saying their number and a new number.

*Adapted from Responsive Classrooms