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Materials and Prep

- Basketball
- Measuring tape
- Paper and colored pencils for the playbook
- Ingredients for baking cookies (flour, sugar, eggs, etc.)
- Access to poetry and songs about basketball
- Basketball court or open space for physical activities
- Notebook for notes and reflections

Before starting, ensure that you have a safe space to play basketball and bake. Familiarize yourself with the basic rules of basketball and have access to a recipe for baking cookies.

Activities

1. History of Basketball:

Research and present on the invention of basketball, including when it was created, who invented it, and the historical context of the time, including any relevant wars or events that may have influenced its creation.

2. Science of Basketball:

Explore how climate affects basketball performance. Discuss how temperature can change the air pressure in a basketball and how court surfaces are designed for optimal bounce.

3. Math in Basketball:

Measure distances from the free-throw line to the basket and calculate angles for shooting. Use a protractor to understand the best shooting angles.

4. Literature and Language Arts:

Read poetry written by NBA players and analyze the themes. Write a short poem or a reflection about what basketball means to you.

5. Music and Movement:

Listen to songs about basketball and discuss their meanings. Create a playlist of your favorite basketball songs.

6. Physical Education:

Engage in basketball drills, practice shooting, and learn about stretching exercises to prevent injuries. Play a friendly game of basketball.

7. Baking Basketball Cookies:

Follow a recipe to bake cookies in the shape of basketballs. Discuss the measurements and the

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9. Field Trip Planning:

Plan a trip to Oklahoma to watch an NBA game. Research the geography of the area and the history of the team you will be watching.

10. Learn Basketball-Related Spanish and ASL:

Learn key basketball terms in Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) to enhance communication skills on and off the court.

Talking Points

- **Art:** "Art can express the passion and energy of basketball through creative designs in our playbooks."
- **English:** "Literature can tell stories about the struggles and triumphs of athletes, inspiring us to pursue our dreams."
- **History:** "Understanding the past helps us appreciate how basketball has influenced culture and society over time."
- **Math:** "Math is everywhere in basketball, from calculating scores to measuring distances and angles."
- **Music:** "Songs about basketball can motivate players and create a sense of community among fans."
- **Physical Education:** "Physical fitness is essential for playing basketball, helping us stay healthy and active."
- **Science:** "The science behind the game, like how the ball bounces, can help us improve our skills."
- **Social Studies:** "Basketball is a global sport that brings people together from different cultures and backgrounds."
- **Spanish Phrase:** "El baloncesto es un juego emocionante." (Basketball is an exciting game.)
- **ASL Phrase:** "Basketball" (Use the sign for basketball to communicate with friends who use ASL.)