Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to confidently recall the 4 times table and understand how multiplication works as repeated addition. They will engage in hands-on activities that make learning fun and memorable.

Materials and Prep

• None required - all activities will utilize the student's own body and imagination!

Activities

• Clap and Count:

Have the student clap their hands while reciting the 4 times table. For example, they clap 4 times for 1x4, 8 times for 2x4, and so on. This physical activity helps reinforce the concept through movement.

• Jumping Jacks Multiplication:

Each time the student says a number from the 4 times table, they perform that many jumping jacks. For instance, for 1x4, they do 4 jumping jacks, for 2x4, they do 8, etc. This combines physical activity with math!

• 4 Times Table Song:

Create a simple song using the 4 times table. Encourage the student to make up a tune they like. Singing the numbers can help them remember better and makes learning fun!

Talking Points

- "Did you know that multiplication is just a fast way of adding? For example, 4 times 3 is the same as adding 4 three times!"
- "Let's think of the 4 times table as a pattern. Can you see how each number is just 4 more than the last? Like 4, 8, 12!"
- "When we do jumping jacks, we are using our bodies to help us remember! It's like our bodies are learning with us!"
- "Singing is a great way to memorize things! What tune do you want to use for our 4 times table song?"
- "Remember, practice makes perfect! The more we say the 4 times table, the easier it will be to remember!"
- "Every time you get it right, give yourself a high five! You're doing great!"
- "Let's see how fast we can say the 4 times table together! Ready, set, go!"
- "Math can be fun and silly! Let's keep making it enjoyable while we learn!"