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## Using a Spinner in the Classroom

Students can often participate in classroom or outdoor activities by using a switch to run a spinner. In this way, the student has a respected role in an academic activity. The overlay on the spinner can be varied with colours, numbers, dice, letters, pictures, symbols, names, shapes, words, etc. The possibilities are limitless.

Colours:

- Which group goes next in a prediction activity (sequencing)
- What colour to use for an art project
- “I spy...” game with the colour selected on the spinner



Numbers:

- Which “group” might go next in a game in the gym
- The minutes left until it is time to clean up, or finish a game/activity
- The friends who may do an activity with the student
- The numbers to fill in the blanks for math questions
- The number of times the students have to repeat an exercise in gym

Dice:

- The number of spaces to move in a board game
- The next number in the math problem
- The question to select next

Letters:

- A letter for classmates to practice writing on a chalkboard
- The beginning letter for a list of animals, foods or some other category
- A classmate whose name begins with that letter who can be a partner with the student for an activity

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- Letters selected for a word or phonics bingo game
- Finding something in the room that begins with the letter on the spinner

### Pictures:

- A choice of centre time activity
- Which instrument classmates should use next
- An animal whose walk the classmates might imitate in the gym
- An object related to a learning theme that the classmates might write or talk about
- Pictures for a rhyming word game
- Symbols to indicate what it represents



### Words:

- Spelling words to practice
- Words for a rhyming word bingo game
- Antonyms or synonyms
- Names of classmates to select the next person to take a turn
- Questions written on the blank overlays, might ask...
- For information about themes being studied
- Mad Libs: put a variety of words on the overlay. One student starts the story using the word indicated by the spinner. The next student continues with the story using the next word that comes up on the spinner, etc.
- Topics or categories for creative writing story (e.g.: forest animals or favourite places to visit)

Spinners are available commercially from CanAssist and AbleNet. There are also several apps that can be purchased inexpensively for tablets (e.g.: Decide Now! Decision Roulette and Spin the Wheel).

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