High Knees



Objective 4 Demonstrates traveling skills

Related Objectives: 2c, 5, 8b, 21a

What You Do

1. Invite the children to move with you as you sing or recite the following chant.

High knees, high knees. We can [march] with high knees. Left, right, left, right. [Marching] along.

2. Repeat the chant several times.

3. Create new chants by changing the action,

e.g., skipping, stomping, stepping.

- Incorporate hand motions along with the marching in the chant.
- Ask the children to move in a line.
 Encourage each child to take a turn as the line leader.
- Play musical marches and invite children to move to the beat.
- As the children move, use hand gestures to indicate "[march] in place," "go," and "stop."
- Add complexity by offering children instruments to play as they move, e.g., rhythm sticks, drums, tambourines, etc.

