

Hide and Seek Shamrock Relay

Equipment Needed:

5 buckets or boxes (one for each team)

75 + shamrock cut-outs (or other small green object like puff balls, bean bags, etc)

20 + [cones](#) or [domes](#) (I like these [domes](#) the best)

Intro:

Take a minute to talk about St. Patrick's Day.....tell the students some leprechauns came in the gym and hid a bunch of shamrocks/lucky four leaf clovers for them!

Description of Activity:

This is a continuous relay race that keeps going until all of the shamrocks have been collected. I use the width of the gym and make groups of 3-4 students. Give each group a bucket to leave by the side wall to collect their shamrocks. Students take turns running to find a shamrock. When they lift up a dome to peek, they should put it back down to hide any remaining shamrocks.

Set-Up:

Using the width of the gym, set a bucket near the wall for each group. On the other side wall, scatter the [cones/domes](#) and hide shamrocks under them. Hide about 5 under each dome.

Rules:

Students must wait their turn to run (groups of 3 are best so kids are not standing in line too long). When it's their turn, the student runs to the other side of the gym, peeks under a dome and takes ONE shamrock, then run back to their team's bucket to drop it in. Then the student gets back in line for another turn to run. If a dome is EMPTY, the student may flip it over so other students don't continue to look under that dome.

Notes:

When all of the shamrocks are collected, groups may count their shamrocks or sort them by color, size, etc if you are using a variety of different shamrocks. (see my pictures of the glittery and striped shamrocks). They may also count how many total shamrocks their team collected. Have students hide shamrocks for the next class (tell them how many to put under each dome so you don't have many empty and others with too many).

You could also substitute skipping, galloping, crab walk, riding scooters, etc. instead of running.