

If you try having a little less circle time and a little more small group time, I think you'll find more opportunities to connect with each child as an individual and more success in developing children's knowledge and skills."
-Sarah Taylor Vanover

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT GROUP TIME?



Reflect on the purpose of the group time; is it for movement? For learning a new skill? Or for connecting through literacy?



Use group time to share a new toy/ material, model positive interaction, discuss topic of interest, build problem solving skills, and build positive relationships with the children.



Use visual cues like mats or stickers to show children where to sit so there is enough room for them to move and stretch depending on the activity.



I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie |
Bin # 922





Reflect on how small body and large body movements can support enjoyable group time experiences



Take group time outdoors to allow for more space for movement, or play music for the children to dance and move.



REFLECTION TIME!

How can you create more opportunities for small groups throughout the day?

How can the environment invite small groups to naturally occur during play time?



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Have you taken out
THRC's Resource Library's
Bear hunt with loose parts
Bin?

Ask for Bin # 9027

THRC Resource Library has
a variety of resources for
borrowing & purchasing to
support group time.



Come into the Resource Library to Speak with
a Library Staff to Discuss what is available!

[From Circle Time to Small Groups: Meeting Children's Needs](#)

[Group Learning in Early Childhood](#)

