Attention Getters

What are attention getters?
Attention getters are fun and effective ways to get a group to stop what they are doing and focus.

When should I use them?
You should use them whenever you need a group of students to listen.

Recess:
To share important rules and announcements, to pause a game or to calm students down before going back to class.

Classroom:
To bring the group back together, to share important instructions, or to make sure students are on task and engaged.

Any time you need the attention of a large group:
Teach the same attention getters to your whole school: start with call and response as it makes it easy to see who is not paying attention.

These are three basic attention getters:

Want to see the attention getters in action? Check out this video.

**Name of Attention Getter**

**“Match Me”**
Leader does different actions and then the students mimic the actions.
Give them 3-5 commands.
Very effective for younger students.
The sillier the actions, the better.
Always end with calm actions.

**“If you can hear my voice”**
Leader directs students to do different actions.
“If you can hear my voice, clap/jump/stomp/snap 2 times.”
Give them 3-5 commands.
To see who is really listening, say one thing and do another.

**“Call and response”**
Teacher says one thing and students respond.
“When I say ___________, you say ___________. ”
Easiest to teach.
Get creative, think about movies your students might like.
Say the same phrase several times until you have everyone’s attention.

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