

6th – 8th Grade

Class Equipment	Fitness Stations & Game	Relay Race	PE Game
List	4 Tall Cones	• 4 Tall Cones	Short Cones
	2 Sandbells	2 Sandbells	• Waist Flags (1 per player)

Warm-Ups (5 min.): Mark start and end points 25 yards apart and have players go down and back.	
	Warm Up 1: Walking Arm Circles
	Warm Up 2: High Kicks
	Warm Up 3: Knee Hugs
	Warm Up 4: High Knees

Fitness Stations &	<u>& Game (</u> 20 min.)	
Stations	Station 1: Incline Push-Ups	
(10 min.)	Station 2: Side Plank	
	Station 3: Bicycles	
	Station 4: Inch Worms	
	 Use 4 tall cones to designate 4 stations. Stations should be approximately 25 feet apart. 	
	 Divide the players into 4 small groups—1 group per station. 	
	 All players begin at the same time by performing the fitness skill at their station 	
	for 30 seconds. When time is up, players can rotate by skipping, jogging, hopping,	
	or running to the next station.	
	 Players should complete each station at least 3 times. 	
Game (10 min.)	Hot Potato with Sandbell	
	 Players sit or stand in a circle; 2 players opposite each other start with a sandbell. When the coach blows the whistle, players pass the sandbell around the circle. When the coach says "Stop," the 2 players with a sandbell must do 5 push-ups. Play until all or most of the players have been caught with the "hot potato" and performed 5 push-ups. 	



Relay Race (15	Relay Race (15 min.)	
Setup	Set up obstacle course or relay in a space that accommodates the size of the group.	
Relay Instructions	 Divide the players into 2 teams and have each team line up behind a start cone. When the coach blows the whistle, the first 2 players from each team bear-crawl to the end cone 20 feet away while balancing a sandbell on their back. At the end cone, players bear-crawl around the cone and back to the start. When the player returns to their line, the next player goes. Repeat until all players in line have gone. 	

PE Game: Sharks and Minnows (15 min.)	
Setup	Set up a field of play, if necessary, use cones to mark off boundaries. A basketball court sized space is perfect.
Game	Goal of the game: to build quickness, avoid being tagged by the sharks, and try to tag the
Instructions	minnows.
	 Choose 1–4 players to start off as "sharks," who stand in the middle of the field and do not wear the waist flags.
	 All other players are the "minnows," who stand together at one end of the field, wearing waist flags.
	• When the coach or the sharks yell, "Swim!," the minnows try to run across the field to the other side, while the sharks try to grab their waist flags.
	 If minnows make it to the other side without getting their flags pulled, they are safe.
	 If a minnow's waist flag gets pulled, they put the flag to the side and become a shark.
	• Play until a couple of minnows are left, then start a new round.
	 Variations: when a shark pulls a minnow's waist flag, they become seaweed, frozen where their flag was pulled, and cannot move from that spot but can tag minnows who pass by within arm's reach, making them seaweed as well.



Mindfulness (60 sec.)	
Setup	Group students at arm's lengths. Students should be calm and quiet before beginning. Complete the activity for 60 seconds.
Mindfulness	Mindful Bubbles
Practice	
	Pretend to blow bubbles. Have your kids focus on taking in a deep, slow breath and exhaling steadily to fill the bubble. Encourage them to pay close attention to the bubbles in their minds as they form, detach, and pop or float away.

Stretching (5	i min.): Please choose the Yoga Stretches and/or Cooldown Stretches below to finish class.
Setup	Group students at arm's lengths. Students should be calm and quiet before beginning.
	1 breath = 4 counts in, 4 counts out. Start each sequence with 2–3 rounds of breath.
Yoga Stretches	 Plow Pose Lie flat on your back with your legs extended and your arms at your sides, palms down. Use your stomach muscles to lift your legs and hips up toward the ceiling. Bring your torso perpendicular to the floor. Straighten your legs and slowly lower your toes to the floor behind your head with your legs fully extended. If your toes do not yet touch the floor, support your back with your hands. Lower your legs as far as possible, keeping your legs straight. Take 2 breaths by the time you have extended your legs and 6 breaths with your legs extended. Then lift your feet from the floor and draw your knees toward your ears. Take 2 breaths in this position.
	 2. Butterfly Pose From a seated position, bend your knees so that the soles of your feet touch each other. Bring your heels as close in toward your body as possible. Wrap your hands around your feet or ankles. Gently press your forearms or elbows into your thighs so that your knees move toward the floor. Fold forward from your hips so that your chest moves toward the floor. Hold for 6 breaths.
	 3. Seated Spinal Twist Sit up straight with both legs out in front of you.



 Cross your right foot to the outside of your left thigh.
Bring your left foot back beside your right hip.
Place your right fingertips behind you.
Hug your left knee into your chest.
Inhale, sitting up tall.
• Exhale and twist to the right from the base of your spine.
Hold for 5 breaths, then switch sides (left foot to outside of right thigh, right foot beside left
hip, left fingertips behind you, hugging the right knee into the chest and twist to the left)
and hold for 5 breaths.

Cooldown Str	etches (5 min.)
Setup	Group students at arm's lengths. Complete each stretch twice.
Cooldown	1. Arm Stretches Across Body
Stretches	 Bring one arm across your chest and pull on it slightly with the other hand pressing it against your chest. Hold for 30 seconds. Switch sides and repeat.
	 2. Arm Stretches Behind Body Put hands behind body and interlock fingers. Once interlocked, see how far you can raise your arms. Hold for 30 seconds.
	 3. Side Reach Raise your hands in the air and reach to one side. Hold for 30 seconds. Repeat on opposite side.
	 4. Toe Touch Twists With your feet wide, touch your right hand to your left foot and twist your left arm to the sky. Hold for 30 seconds. Switch sides and repeat.