

OBJECTIVES	EQUIPMENT	SPARK HEALTHY MESSAGE
 Small object manipulation Eye-hand coordination Throwing and catching 	 1 beanbag/pair (or rolled up sock) 1 fluffball/pair (crumpled up piece of paper / newspaper, yarn ball) Other small soft objects to throw and catch Music and player (optional) 	Play actively Create a moving route (with parent / guardian) around your neighborhood that includes changing intensity at various landmarks (e.g., walk to the top of the hill, jog to the park, run 1X around the baseball field, side-slide to a slide, jog to the bottom of the hill, walk to the top, run home).

ACTIVITY	WHAT YOU DO	WHAT YOU SAY
ACTIVITY 3: PARTNER THROW AND CATCH - OVERHAND	 Give each child a beanbag or soft tossable. After having pair select 1 fluffball and 1 beanbag, move them to partner face off, 5 paces apart. 	 Today, we're going to "Partner Throw and Catch – Overhand!" You and your partner can pick a soft tossable and stand about 10 paces from me. Turn and face your partner and stand 5 paces apart. We'll start with the fluffball. Put the beanbag on the ground – far enough away so you won't step on or trip over it. When music starts (or "Go") practice tossing and catching the fluffball. Make your throws soft and easy to catch. Aim for our partner's hands. Watch the object; have your hands up and ready to catch! 1-Hand Overhand (baseball) Throws:



ACTIVITY	WHAT YOU DO	WHAT YOU SAY
	 On 1-hand tosses/throws, reinforce children stepping with 1-foot towards their target (opposite foot to hand, e.g., throw R, step L.). When teaching throwing with 1-hand, "Reach back, step and throw," may be all the auditory cues some children can process. 	 Stand sideways to your target. Feet shoulder width apart. Point at the target with your opposite hand, reach back and point the ball directly behind you. Step towards your target with your opposite foot. Turn to face your target, bring throwing arm forward, extend it, and release the ball when it points at your target. Follow through.
	Play "Step Back" for 2-3 minutes. Move to provide feedback and help if needed.	 When you and your partner each make a catch, take 1 step back and try again. Try this all again, but now overhand throw and catch with the beanbag. Next, try it with a different tossable.