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Activities are organized by the primary area of skill or fitness they address: balance and flexibility, muscular strength and cardiorespiratory endurance, coordination, and moving in space. This makes it easy for you to find suitable activities based on your students' needs, abilities, and individualized education programs (IEPs). In addition, each activity notes secondary skills that it addresses.

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