

# Speedy Squirrels

**Appropriate Age of Activity:** K-2

**Objectives:** Students will improve their cardio while working in teams and identifying shapes and patterns.

**Number of Participants:** 16-24

**Area and Equipment:** 80 cards with shapes and colors, 12 stars, shapes chart

**Set-up:** Place all of the cards face up on one end of the gym. Place the stars on the other end across the gym and leave space behind to put cards after they retrieve.

**Description:** (Explain game before dividing into partners)

Students are pretending to be squirrels who gather nuts for winter. Nuts come in all shapes and sizes. You are organized squirrels who like their nuts in order. Follow the chart to retrieve the nuts and place them in order. When done, start back at the beginning and continue. See how many nuts you can collect for the winter. Students will be divided into partners. Only one student will go at a time. The first partner will get the first nut, the second partner gets the second, and etc. See which team can get the most nuts. Have them count their nuts at the end and then perform an exercise for how many their got.

**Safe Play Rules:**

- No stepping on nuts.
- While your partner is going, check your chart to see which nut you need next.
- Communicate with your partner.