Games of the Past

Milk Bottle Toss

Materials:
- Wooden Milk Bottles (6)
- Wooden Balls (6)

Classroom Time: 45 minutes

Objectives:
1. Name the factors that influence how many bottles fall:
   - Force
   - Direction
   - Angle of Toss
   - Wind speed
   - Target location
2. Gain fine motor skills by varying the force and angle of the ball toss.
3. Use their creativity by creating a booth game.

Teacher’s introduction to the activity:
In one room schoolhouses of the past, every student looked forward to the school carnival. Booths were set up by the students for games with prizes and treats. “Fishing” for a prize was popular, horseshoes, ring toss, relay races, 3 legged races, sack races and the milk bottle toss were some of the activities.

Instructions:
1. Each player receives 3 balls.
2. Milk bottles are stacked up in a pyramid formation.
3. Step behind the foul line which is approximately 8 feet away from the bottles.
4. You must knock down all the milk bottles with your 3 balls.
5. If you do not succeed, you are out of the game.
6. For the second round, all students return to the game, but must knock down all the milk bottles with only 2 balls.
7. Of course, the 3rd round is knocking down all the bottles with only 1 ball.

Variation: For younger children, put the milk bottles in a line formation.