Games of the Past

*Spud (Dodge Ball)*

**Materials:**
- Inflated Ball
- Letters S P U D (1 set per student)

**Objectives**
1. Student will play the game SPUD with good sportsmanship.
2. All students will take part in the activity.

**Instructions:**
1. Assign a number to each player
2. Choose one child to be “it.”
3. Other players make a circle around “it.”
4. “It” throws the ball up, and calls a number.
5. The child whose number was called must catch the ball, and yell “Spud.”
6. At that point all children must stop in place.
7. “It” takes four steps saying, “S P U D,” and throws the ball.
8. If the ball hits a child, they are given one letter of SPUD, and become “it.”
9. If no one was hit by the ball, the first player remains “it” and no letter is assigned.
10. Other players make a circle around “it.”
11. “It” throws the ball up, and calls a number.
12. Repeat these steps until a child has all 4 letters of SPUD.
13. Repeat the game until there is only one child left without all four letters; the winner!

**Variations:** Pioneer children used a potato instead of a ball; hence the name SPUD.