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Singing Lesson Plan Idea

Grade Level: 2/3

Type of Lesson: Singing Game

Title: Black Snake

Source: <https://singtokids.com/three-singing-games-second-grade-music/>

Description: I forget where I first heard this song, but I know there are several versions of it. It's just a "Duck-Duck-Goose" kind of game, but the kids love it all the same. Teach the song to your students. It's so short and simple, it's easy to teach either by Rote Song Procedure or phrase-by-phrase method. With my K-1 students, I often help carry the melody, but by second grade, I expect the students to do all of the singing during our singing games. Students stand in a circle formation. Select one student to be the snake. When a child is selected to be the snake, I allow them to choose any color they like to sing in the song. My only rule is that we only sing one color. So if the child wants to be a gold snake, so be it. It's fun to hear the children's favorite colors! As the students sing the song, the snake walks or skips around the outside of the circle. On the word "me," this snake will tap one child on the shoulder. That child will chase

the snake one time around the circle. If the child is tagged, you can choose to have them sit in the middle or simply go back to the other child's spot in the circle. Repeat the game with the new snake.

Curriculum Connection: Physical Education and Musical Arts.

Literacy Connection: "Snakes!" by Alexander G. Michaels

Music Standards utilized: 2. MU: Cr3.2

Literacy Connection: "Going Around the Sun: Some Planetary Fun" by Marianne Berkes & Janeen Mason

Music Standards utilized: K.MU: Pr4.2