1st Grade Plan-Week # 5

"Sponge Activity" (as players arrive until 5 min. after start time)-Street Soccer- (or See Warm-up Doc)

1st activity- Clean Out Your Yard! - 10 minutes

Set up-

Set up field into thirds with a "cone goal" in each corner of the field and central nets (see diagram). Central third is the "Sidewalk". Divide players into two teams; each team in their own "yard". Everyone with a ball.

Play-

On Coach's command, teams try to score in any of the three opponent's goals (cone goals or nets), using the laces. No one is allowed on the sidewalk except coaches (safety). After a player shoots, he/she should look for another ball and repeat. Keep score! Play multiple rounds.

Coaching points-

- No Toes! Use side of foot or laces!
- Non-kicking foot (Plant foot) beside the ball when you strike!
- Use both feet!



2nd Activity -1v1-2v2-2v1 "Get Out of Here"-10 minutes

Set up-

Place two small (2 yard) goals across half of your field 15 x 15 yards. Place half of team behind each goal and coach stands at halfway line with all balls.

Play-

Coach plays a ball onto field and the first two players (for a 1 v 1), run out and try to score on each other's goal <u>BY DRIBBLING THROUGH THE GOAL</u>. If someone scores or the ball goes out of bounds, the coach yells "get outta here!" and plays in a new ball immediately for the next players.

Variations / Extensions:

Stop yelling "get outta here" after a while and see if players recognize when balls go out and are attentive. Vary service of ball. Play toward one player or the other or in the middle to create a "battle".

2v2-Have the first two players from each group come out each time a new ball is played they play 2 vs. 2. (Consider 1 v 2 for players who are ready for a challenge.)

FOR THE LAST 4-5 minutes, bring the nets up to where the cone goals are and let them shoot into the net for a goal.

Coaching points-

Battle for the ball! Control the ball! Don't just kick it. No toes when dribbling, passing or shooting!



Scrimmage 3v3-30 minutes

Considerations:

- Never play 4v4. If numbers are greater than 6 players, play 3v3 with substitutes. Consider playing 2 small games of 2v2,3v3 for a portion of the scrimmage time
- Coordinate with fellow coaches when dividing players onto the two fields. Consider "more aggressive/less aggressive" players to allow for "appropriate competition".

