

ICEBREAKER

Here's a mixer that takes the idea of an icebreaker literally. Kids sit in a circle (on the floor or around a table) with a bucket of square ice cubes close by. As players give their names, they place an ice cube on the ground or on the table on top of the previous cube. The goal is to stack the cubes as high as possible. If you want to keep the game going for awhile, start a new round of play whenever the stack of cubes topples. During each round, have kids reveal something different about themselves—their birthdays, favorite foods, favorite song or movie or TV show, etc. To add to the challenge, have players repeat the answers given by other players before allowing players to give their own answers. For example, if Judd is the fourth player in the favorite foods round, he must say "Kayly likes spam, Ethan likes macaroni and cheese, Keith likes pizza, and I like meatball sandwiches."