

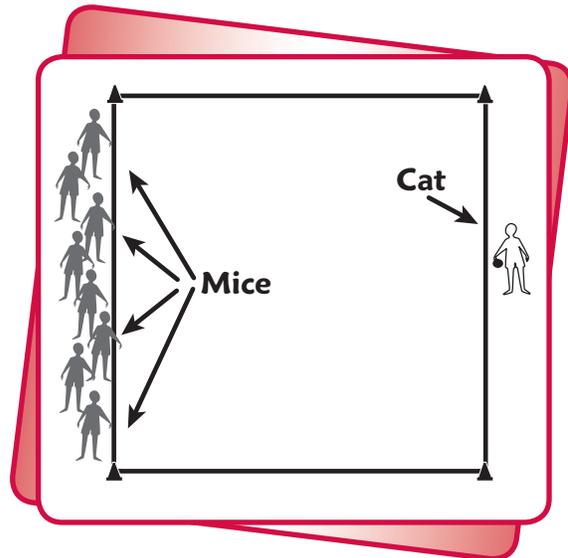
CAT AND MICE

Ready

- 4 spot markers or cones (for boundaries)
- 1 bean bag for tagging

Set

- Create 1 square (20X20 paces).
- Place 1 student (Cat) on 1 sideline and the rest of the group (Mice) on the opposite sideline.



GO!

1. Today's recess activity is called *Cat and Mice*. The object is for the Mice (*point to the group*) to get as close to the Cat (*point to the 1*) as possible but not get eaten (tagged) by the Cat when it's "Dinner Time."
2. The Cat stands with her back turned to the Mice on the other line.
3. The Mice call, "Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, what time is it?" and The Cat turns to face the Mice and calls a time, such as 10 o'clock.
4. Mice then take that many (10) steps toward the Cat.
5. The Cat then turns away from the Mice and they ask what time it is again.
6. Repeat until the Mice get close to the Cat. The next time they yell, "Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, what time is it?" The Cat says, "Dinner time!" Then, the Cat runs after the Mice as they retreat to their start line, while the Cat tries to tag as many Mice as possible.
7. The last Mouse caught becomes next round's Cat.
8. **Challenges**
 - How close can you get to the Cat?
 - How many Mice can you catch in one turn?
9. **Teaching Tips**
 - If the Mice reach the Cat too quickly, make the play area larger.
 - If the Cat is unable to tag the mice, add a 2nd Cat to help.
 - Older students enjoy this game. However, try changing the name to help them relate (e.g., Sharks and Minnows, etc.).