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olympic Day

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During the Summer Olympics the all the third grade classes at our school held an Olympic Day. Each teacher was responsible for setting up 2 PE type activities (individual and team relays, jump for height, etc. Email me if you want the specifics.) We let the kids pick which 2 events they wanted to do. (There were only 4 slots per class for each event, so that way the teams would be made from some kids from each class.) Earlier in the week we practiced the events so they knew what to do. On Olympic Day we ran 2 sessions of events...one before recess and one after recess. At the end of the day we had our closing/awards ceremony where we gave out "medals" (made of cardboard). For me the best part was our opening ceremony. Each class had made a class flag (taped to a yard stick). We lined up by our rooms and processed into the courtyard with the Olympic Fanfare playing. It was so cool to look at the pride on the kids' faces as they ceremoniously marched into the courtyard! The Vice Principal administerd the oath to the athletes (a little diddy about good sportsmanship and having fun). The custodian ran up carrying our "torch" (a flashlight with tissue paper taped to it) and announced "Let the games begin!" The kids (and teachers) had a blast. We are hoping to do it again, but we will have to make some adjustments for the weather.

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