Super Bowl Classroom Activities

Whether you’re into football or not, everyone knows about the Super Bowl! A great way to get your boys and girls excited to learn is by having them partake in a few fun football-themed classroom activities. These classroom activities incorporate math, art, social studies, language arts, science, and even nutrition. Try a few or try them all!

**Super Bowl Math Classroom Activities**

Compare the two teams by pairing students together to create a graph. Students can either each research a team, or to make it even easier, you can give each students a handout of the team’s rooster and a few fast facts. Here are a few graphing options that you can choose from. With them, students can compare:

- Wins to losses
- Which player weighs the most and least
- Rookies to elders
- How many injuries each team has had
- Average age of players

**Super Bowl Language Arts Classroom Activities**

When you think of the Super Bowl, you not only think of the football teams, but the commercials may come to your mind as well. The Super Bowl is widely known for its imaginative and outrageous commercials. Challenge students to think of their own creative commercial for this year’s Super Bowl. Students must write a 30-second commercial with a partner. Have students start with a graphic organizer to get their ideas out, then have them write their first draft, and final copy.

**Super Bowl Art**

After students have written their commercial, now it’s time to act it out. But first, to get their minds working, preview a couple of age-appropriate commercials from last year’s Super Bowl. Have them vote on their favorites and discuss what made them choose it. Talk about what made each commercial interesting, and what made it unappealing. Then, ask students to pair up and come up with their own commercial. They must not only act out their commercial, but they must also create a sketch of each scene that they will be acting out. Invite the classroom next door to vote on their favorite commercial presentation.

**Super Bowl Social Studies**

The Super Bowl has been around since 1967, which means this annual tradition has a lot of history. Students can partner up and go to the site NFL.com to read and learn all about the teams that made it to the big game. Then you can challenge students to learn the stats and play a fun Super Bowl trivia game. To make it even more challenging, have the students come up with the quiz.
Super Bowl Science

Technology today is amazing. If your students can’t afford to go to the Super Bowl, then you can take them on a virtual trip there! With Google Earth, students can plan a trip to the matchup. Have them plan out their food and lodging, how much the tickets will cost, gas if they drive, and airfare if they fly. This activity is appropriate for students in grades 3 and up.

A fun Super Bowl science activity for younger students is to determine the speed of a football. Group students into groups of three. Two students toss the football back and forth to one another, while the third student measures the speed of the ball. They can take turns throwing and recording, then graph their results.

Super Bowl Nutrition

When there is football, there is food. Have students come up with a traditional Super Bowl party menu. Popular food items they may choose are buffalo chicken wings, pizza, submarine sandwiches, meatballs, chips, and soda. All of these items are extremely unhealthy for you. Have students figure out the nutritional value of these items, then challenge them to create a healthier menu. Have students compare the unhealthy menu to the healthy menu. Then, have a healthy Super Bowl classroom party where students bring in a treat from the new menu that they created.

These Super Bowl football-themed activities are guaranteed to win over your students. Take advantage of the excitement surrounding the Super Bowl and plan for a day or even a whole week of football fun!

How will you celebrate this year’s Super Bowl in your classroom? Do you have any fun activities planned? Share with us in the comment section below. We would love to hear your ideas.

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