

## I Sent a Letter to My Love!

Children in 18<sup>th</sup> Century America made games with what they had. They played tag, jumped rope, rolled hoops, and shot marbles. Games like checkers, marbles, King Am I, and Fox and Geese were popular then and are still played today.

This one is called, "I Sent a Letter to My Love!" and it is a lot like Duck, Duck, Goose but with a twist! The only materials you need is a piece of paper to represent a letter and a group of children.

### Steps:

- Start by having the group of children sit in a circle and pass a letter (or just a piece of paper).
- While they are passing the letter, they sing this song: "I sent a letter to my love and on the way I dropped it. One of you has picked it up and put it in your pocket. Please, please, please, drop it, drop. Please, please, drop it, drop it."
- The person holding the letter when the song ends must stand up and run around the circle.
- The person sitting to the right of the person with the letter must chase the person.
- The person with the letter tries to return to his or her spot without being tagged.
- If he or she makes it back to the spot, both runners take their spots again.
- If he or she is tagged, he or she must sit behind the person who was chasing them.
- The letter is then sent around again, and the whole process continues until there is only one person left in the circle.