BALLOON RACE
WHAT YOU NEED
STEP 1: Cut 1.5-2 inches from end of straw. Avoid using the “bendy” part of the straw, if possible.
STEP 2: Secure small piece of Duct tape to straw.
STEP 3: Inflate balloon and hold end to keep inflated while taping straw to top of balloon. Firmly press Duct tape to balloon.

Note: Inflating balloons is a complex skill. Encourage students to complete task independently, but if additional assistance is needed use a balloon pump.
STEP 4: Allow balloon to deflate and check to be sure Duct tape is still securely attached to balloon. If not, repeat step 5.
STEP 5: Thread string through straw from closed in of balloon to open end. Tie string (closed end) to sturdy object and pull taut. Note: String and balloon are easiest to manage if both ends of the string are tied to sturdy objects...just be sure to thread string through straw before tying to object!
That’s it! Slide balloon to end of string, inflate, and release! Use as an independent activity or let students (and adults!) race balloons across the room/gym.