

Lesson 12:  
Cha Cha Slide Day I

**Lesson 12 Overview:** Lesson 12 explores Repeat loops and how they can be used to make code more efficient. Children will program the ScratchJr Kitten to do the “Cha Cha Slide” dance.

**Powerful Ideas from Computer Science:** Algorithms, Control Structures, The Design Process  
**Powerful Ideas from Literacy:** Literary Devices, Tools of Communication and Language, Sequencing

**I. Warm Up: Dance the Cha Cha Slide**

- Explain that today children will create a program in ScratchJr to do part of the Cha Cha Slide.
- Sing and dance the Cha Cha Slide as a class to make sure everyone knows and remembers it.

**II. Word Time: Read Aloud the Cha Cha Slide**

- Read/sing together the written part from the Cha Cha Slide using the Anchor Chart.

**III. Opening Tech Circle: Cha Cha Slide on ScratchJr**

- Discuss how you can translate the Cha Cha Slide movements into ScratchJr blocks.

**IV. ScratchJr Time: Program the Cha Cha Slide**

- Review the pop block and grid tool.
- Children program the Kitten in ScratchJr to do the Cha Cha Slide.

**V. Closing Tech Circle: Share Creations**

- Children share how they represented or will represent “cha cha” in their program.
- Discuss that there are multiple ways to express the same thing.

ScratchJr Blocks:  
Pop

