Balancing, Transferring Weight & Rolling Actions Non-manipulative Skills

² Balancing

- <u>Balance</u>: stability from even distribution of weight on each side of the vertical axis.
 - Static Balance: keeping a desired shape in a stationary position.
 - **Dynamic Balance:** keeping an "on-balance" position when in motion.

3 Balancing

- Key Teaching points:
 - 1. Easier to balance over a wide <u>base of support</u> than a narrow base.
 - 2. Center of gravity should be aligned over the base of support.
 - 3. Extensions beyond the base of support to one side require extensions in the opposite direction for counterbalance.

⁴ Transfer of Weight (ToW)

- To travel is to transfer weight on hands, on feet, & on different body parts.
- All locomotor skills are skills that involve ToW.
 - Traveling is the most common form of ToW.
 - Once traveling is mastered, children are ready to transfer weight onto specific body parts.

⁵ Rolling Actions (RA)

- Rolling is the ToW to adjacent body parts around a central axis.
 - Once children become competent in RA & inverted balances, they can try combinations of RA & the use of gymnastic apparatus.