

There's No 'I' in 'Team'

Objective: Children will recognize the importance of working together in a group to accomplish a task. They will realize how they can meet their goals if they work hard and listen to one another.

Materials:

- Yarn
- String
- Spools
- Paper plates
- Plastic cups
- Craft sticks
- Small boxes
- Pompoms/glitter/stickers/other decorative items
- Brass clasps
- Cardboard
- Buttons
- Glue and tape
- Markers
- Pipe cleaners
- Clothes pins
- Safety pins
- Construction paper

5 minutes; Introduction Explain why group work is important and ask if children have worked in groups previously. Let them know that they need to cooperate to accomplish the goals that are set for them. Everyone is different and every team mate has something beneficial to add to the group.

40 minutes; Activity

- Divide into groups of 4 to 6
- Each team must make an invention that has moving parts. The children need to work together to invent something that serves a function. Supplies provided will be used in this construction.

- When time is up the groups get together as a whole and share what they have invented. The groups will show how what they have invented functions.

10 - 15 minutes; Discussion

- What made this activity difficult?
- How did it feel to be a part of a team?
- Did everyone in your group cooperate?
- Why is it important to work together?
- Did you enjoy thinking creatively and working together to fulfill a goal?
- Connection - what are real life settings where people need to work together?