

BUILDING COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Senior High

Description

Communication is a vital part of every student's future. No matter what their chosen profession, good communication skills are essential. Learning negotiation skills enhance one's ability to communicate. Obtaining good communication skills are learned and developed through practice.

Family and Consumer Science Classes

Any Family and Consumer Science Class because all incorporate communication in the curriculum.

Classroom Activities

Prepare four envelopes with the following in each:

Envelope 1- scotch tape, large piece of aluminum foil, 1 yellow and 1 white paper

Envelope 2- scotch tape, a compass, 1 red, 1 yellow and 1 white piece of paper

Envelope 3- scissors, 1 white, 2 blue and 1 yellow piece of paper

Envelope 4- glue, ruler, 1 blue and 2 red pieces of paper

Divide the class into four groups and give the following assignment: "Each group must make a cube of aluminum foil measuring 2" X 2" X 2", a paper airplane at least 20" long that flies, a flag with three colors that is 3" X 5", a red hexagon with sides of 2" long and a paper chain with three colors."

Suggest a time frame to stimulate action and offer a prize for the first team completed. Teams can share and trade supplies to achieve the assignment. Observe the negotiations taking place. Some will bargain; some may become aggressive and frustrated. If groups want to quit, call a time out to figure out what has to be done.

Discussion to follow with the class: How did you get the materials you needed? What kind of bargaining took place? What did the activity teach you about real life? How would you proceed if you did this again?

Class Connection of FCCLA Projects

STAR Events: Illustrated talk on communication or working together, Skills for Life, Interpersonal Communications

Power of One: Working on Working Module

Dynamic Leadership

Resources

Power of One Handbook

Dynamic Leadership Handbook

Leadership Lessons, National Association of Secondary School Principals

Connection to Minnesota Grad Standards

Interpersonal Communications

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