

## **KAPOW Volunteer Activity**

### **Lesson 4: Teamwork and Interdependence**

**Goal:** To increase students' awareness of teamwork and value each individual's contribution to a team effort.

**Skills:** Mathematics, Spelling, Teamwork

#### **Steps**

- Divide students into groups.
- Share candy and lemons with each group.
- Discuss good and bad teamwork qualities.
- Discuss what qualities make or break a team's success.
- Assign a dollar value to each item given out.

#### **Problem Solving**

- Put a \$ (money) problem on the board for the students to solve as a team (example:  $8 \times 5 - 23$ ). Assign a point value based on difficulty. The teams have to compute the numeric answer by combining the value of the candy and lemons they were given. Set up columns on the board for the teacher to keep the point scores for each team. The first team to get \_\_\_ points is the winner.
- Insist that only one person raise their hand and be the voice of the team for each problem.
- The winning team gets all the candy from the other teams. Eventually, let the winning team determine what they want to give back to the other teams.
- Have students observe their classmates and then tell why one team may be working better than other teams.
- Reiterate the importance of working together.
- Repeat the process using the teams spelling the names of various careers (this allows those not good in math to have a fair chance at success).

For more information and how-to's, E-mail the creator of this activity, Sally Della Casa, at [ssdellacasa@gmail.com](mailto:ssdellacasa@gmail.com)

Watch Sally's YouTube Video – <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQUBpbOhr4n>

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- Make a list of the jobs at the restaurant (order takers, maintenance, cooks, managers, etc.)
- Assign the jobs and roles as customers to different students.
- Role play the interaction between the customers and the employees they encounter.
- Discuss and determine the consequences (positive and/or negative) of the encounters.
- Discuss how each job contributes to success of the restaurant.
- Compare the jobs and teamwork needed at the restaurant to those in your job.

For more information and how-to's, E-mail the creator of this activity, Keith Lindgren, at [ebskeith@bellsouth.net](mailto:ebskeith@bellsouth.net).

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