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Cooperative Learning

Cooperative learning is a successful teaching strategy in which small teams, each with students of different levels of ability, use a variety of learning activities to improve their understanding of a subject. Each member of a team is responsible not only for learning what is taught but also for helping teammates learn, thus creating an atmosphere of achievement. Students work through the assignment until all group members successfully understand and complete it.

Cooperative efforts result in participants striving for mutual benefit so that all group members:

- Gain from each other's efforts. (Your success benefits me and my success benefits you.)
- Recognize that all group members share a common fate. (We all sink or swim together here.)
- Know that one's performance is mutually caused by oneself and one's team members. (We cannot do it without you.)
- Feel proud and jointly celebrate when a group member is recognized for achievement. (We all congratulate you on your accomplishment!).

Five Elements of Cooperative Learning:

1. Positive Interdependence
2. Face to Face Interaction
3. Individual and Group Accountability
4. Interpersonal and Small-Group Skills
5. Group processing

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Why use Cooperative Learning?

Research has shown that cooperative learning techniques:

- Promote student learning and academic achievement
- Increase student retention
- Enhance student satisfaction with their learning experience
- Help students develop skills in oral communication
- Develop students' social skills
- Promote student self-esteem

Content Planning

Establish structures into every subject during the gradual release model.

Classroom Management

Equip students with routines and expectations for Cooperative Learning.

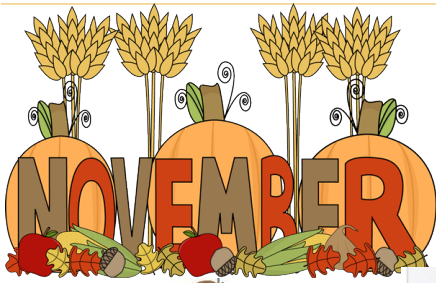
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Instruction

Engage students in leadership skills, decision making, trust building, communication and conflict-management skills.

Assessment

Evaluate with individual and group accountability by closely monitoring and observing student interactions.



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CRITICAL FACTORS FOR SUCCESS WHEN USING COOPERATIVE LEARNING

- Clearly understand the learning structure
- Create Positive Interdependence by ensuring students have shared goals
- Create a Psychologically Safe Learning Environment
- Be Accessible and Approachable
- Acknowledge the limits of Current Knowledge
- Display Fallibility by admitting no one is perfect
- Invite Participation- be intentional about including all students
- Highlight Failures as Learning Opportunities
- Set Boundaries and be very clear
- Hold People Accountable for Transgressions
- Ensure students have learned the expectations
- Teach Social Skills
- Determine the Optimal Makeup of Every Group
- Manage Time Effectively
- Use an Attention Signal

