Name/Title: All Aboard

Purpose of Event: To have students work together to solve a problem.

Suggested Grade Level: 3-UP

Materials Needed: Rope of varying lengths, music

Description of Idea

Lay a piece of rope tied in a loop on the ground which is large enough to fit all of the students in your class. When they accomplish this, congratulate them for working together, but challenge them to do better.

Make the rope smaller (or box taped on the floor) and see how they accomplish that. Keep continuing this until they run out of solutions. Eventually it gets too small to put everybody in and they must get very creative and very close to solving the problem.

Encourage students to ask questions. They will eventually ask: "Did you say we had to get our entire body in the circle, etc.? Make sure to talk about what you observed and praise them for working together during the activity.

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