

Let's Work Together

Time needed: 30 - 40 minutes

Recommended Level: Grades PK-4

Categories: Empowering, Helping students

Common Core Standard(s): Speaking & Listening,
Reading literature

Purpose: Students will identify problems and solutions
and will demonstrate cooperation.

DISCUSSION:

Introduce the book *Swimmy* by Leo Lionni. Looking at the cover of the book, make a prediction about the setting of the story. Tell the students to listen for the problem that Swimmy and the other fish have and how they solve it. Read the story aloud and discuss the problem and solution. Draw attention to how they all worked together to solve the problem. Draw attention to the fact that they worked together. It was through cooperation that they could overcome the large tuna (the bully).

ACTIVITY:

Place the students in formation to make a fish shape. With your direction, have them waddle and move in unison as the red fish did in the story. If it is possible, this can be recorded and played back so the class sees how it has cooperated.

Put students in groups of 3-4. On paper, have them cooperatively design a different ocean animal or plant that Swimmy and the small red fish could become. Have each group share its picture and describe how this would solve the problem for the red fish.

FOLLOW-UP:

Discuss how they can work together to solve the problem of bullying. Encourage them to be a team and take up for each other on the playground or in other situations.



Helping Everyone with Anti-Bullying,
Respect & Tolerance

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