



Lesson Plan - Week of December 20, 2004

Sportsmanship Poster

This activity will work well in any type of setting, be it the gymnasium, classroom, team locker room, or your home. Have the students create a sportsmanship poster by assembling a collage of pictures that depict acts of good sportsmanship. These pictures could be student drawings, cut outs from magazines, or photographs. You may have your students take a digital camera and “catch” other students and athletes in the act of good sportsmanship. Make certain that the pictures are not just of athletics or sports, but also include sportsmanship as it applies to the everyday routines of life.

Pictures of people shaking hands, working cooperatively, and encouraging each other will more than likely suit the needs of elementary school students.

When the collage is completed, hang the Sportsmanship Poster in a prominent place. Refer to it often as situations arise that lend themselves to discussion of sportsmanship. Set up an area under the collage where students can engage in “peer mediation”. When a conflict occurs amongst students or athletes, ask them to go to the mediation area, reflect on the sportsmanship concepts reflected in the collage they created, and use those concepts to help resolve the conflict.