



The Cooperative Games Bullying Prevention Program

Cooperative Games for a Warm School Climate

Pre K-Grade 2



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In Cooperative Games, we play *with* one another rather than *against* each other. There is no competition and no one is ever excluded from the game. We win or lose together. The fun comes from the story, challenge and setting of the game, the skills we use, and from being together. Having fun in cooperative games is not based on being the best, or being smarter or luckier than someone else.

When we play, we practice how to be in the world. That's why it's so valuable to play cooperatively. We learn that it feels good to cooperate and we practice doing it. Then it becomes easy to collaborate and get along with others, to share, to trust, and be kind.

It makes sense that playing cooperatively, and eliminating the conflict that can come with competition, would nurture a happy and peaceful school climate. And it makes sense that bullying would be unlikely to take root in such a positive atmosphere. Is there any evidence to support this idea? What do we know about the effects of competitive and cooperative play? Actually, there is a University study that demonstrates very clearly that cooperative games do indeed reduce aggression and nurture social and emotional skills in children.

And now there is a bullying prevention program based on this research. The *Cooperative Games Bullying Prevention Program* incorporates the same games and methods that were actually used in the University study on cooperative games, giving you plenty of evidence that this program measurably works. You can reduce aggression and improve social and emotional skills in the young children you work with in a natural and effective way. The program is a snap to implement, highly affordable, and fun! It features a 150+ page illustrated teaching manual with instructions for replicating the program that was tested and shown to work. And beyond that there are additional, favorite classroom cooperative games, plenty of classroom tips on using cooperative play and games, as well as a thorough and fascinating discussion of the history, pedagogy, and research relating to cooperative play. Four adorable board games suitable for children ages 4-7 also come with the program.

You can learn more about the *Cooperative Games Bullying Prevention Program* and using cooperative play in a variety of educational settings by visiting CooperativeGames.com.

Thank You for all you do! Together we will make a difference!

