THE IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING TEAMWORK TO STUDENTS

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In teaching teamwork to students, group work tasks to be undertaken must be
given and discussed their specific roles and responsibilities. There are projects students
can work on in teams, wherein they can display their abilities and game skills which
involve productive teamwork skills to be successful and victorious.

To teach teamwork to students however you also need to highlight to them the
importance of teamwork and also what skills they will need to communicate effectively
and work well in a team. Here are some vital skills you can highlight and discuss with
your students.

**Listening:**

The important is the students need to listen, first of all so that other students can
speak without being interrupted and secondly so that all students know what is being
discussed and where the conversation is heading. A simple way of assisting the
students with this is to give the group a toy or object, only one person can speak at a
time and it is the person holding the object. Using fluffy animals can be of something
while the other group of students use other means.

**Speaking:**

Of course people do need to speak in groups, to give their own ideas and give
feedback to other people’s ideas. Lots of students have no trouble talking to their
friends but to work effectively in a group students have to learn how to talk effectively
to the whole group. When speaking, students need to express their ideas clearly and get to the point so that they are easily understood. People can tune out if someone is talking for too long about one thing or jumping from one idea to another and younger children have a shorter attention span than adults.

Confidence:

Not so much a skill as much as a state of mind but I believe it’s a state of mind students can practice and learn. To participate in teamwork students need confidence, they need to express their ideas confidently and accept other student’s’ negative feedback without being too offended to continue. Building a student’s confidence long and continuous process. It is a method that students should perform in more group works and partake in more activities to effectively learn the technique of confidence towards working in teams. There are many other skills you can discuss to teach teamwork to students including respect, leadership and assignment of roles and responsibilities. You can go into these in more detail with your students when the fundamentals of listening, speaking and confidence have been discussed and practiced. An excellent way of introducing students to teamwork and to help them practice their abilities is through classroom games, either team games or individual games that require them to interact with each other. Engaging in games can give way for students to practice their communication and effective teamwork.

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