

Game: Ant Work

Purpose: The purpose of this game is to help students understand how ants communicate and work together to pass along information.

Goal: The students will work together to spell the word “hungry”.

Materials:

1 card for each student (equal amounts of each card)

Square

Circle

White board and pens

Set-up:

Before playing the game, the square and circle need to be placed in the room. Print and cut out cards. Set norms for the class activity.

Playing the game:

- A student is given one of the three cards. That is the only piece of information they have at the start of the game.
- When the game starts, students can walk around and ask what letter other students have. Some students can answer with words; others cannot talk but still have letters to share with the group. Some students have to touch something after they share the information.
- Students are given 4 minutes to pass along their information. When they think they know the word, they need to write it on the board. When the word is correct, the game is over; or time runs out.

Reflection:

After, have the students talk about how the game went:

- How many times did they get the same information?
- Did they get to move away from a certain area? Did they find themselves in “zones”?
- Was there a piece of information more important than the other?
- How does this relate to how ants communicate?

You have

H R

After you share, you have to go
touch the black square before you
can share again.

You have

U Y

You cannot use your voice.
You have to share your letters
without using words.

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