

Social Studies Theme: Community

Lesson: *Working Together*

Grade Level: 1-4

Overview: Children learn that working together involves planning, cooperation, and listening to the opinions of others and that by hosting a party to showcase hard work, they can gain more support for their efforts.

Approximate Duration: one class period

National Social Studies Standards: [NSS-EC.K-4.5](http://www.educationworld.com/standards/national/soc_sci/economics/k_4.shtml#nss-ec.k-4.5) Gain From Trade
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Objective: Students will be able to create poetry that highlights their gardening achievements

Procedure:

- Have children plan a garden party. They can invite their parents and family to the party where they can show the vegetables they have grown in the garden. This can be a party for vegetables they are learning about and hope to grow – they do not have to already have harvested produce to do this lesson.
- Have them work together to decide how they will plan the party and have everyone involved in the process.
- Have children work together to make a picture list, showing a plan for their garden party. Remind children to place the pictures in the correct order.
- They worked together to create a garden, and now they can come together to create a celebration of their work!

Assessment:

- Invite children to create a class poem about some of the things they learned about working together. Begin the poem on chart paper:

Together, we can

- Have children suggest responses. Add them to the chart as lines of the poem.
- Have the children read the poem aloud at the garden party (or to practice for the party).
- **Technology integration:** Have students take turns using iPads or computers to design their own invitation for their parents and print it out for them to take home. Or, use a smartboard or other projector for writing your class poem.