Playing Well With Others

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Problem

Most of the rule sets in board games for children between the ages of 7 and 10 are focused entirely on competition with no attention given to cooperation.

Purpose

The purpose of this study was to develop a set of rules for a board game for children between the ages of 7 and 10 in which cooperation is a core theme of play.

Troy Farmer



- 10 years old
- Student
- Likes drawing, video games, and sports

Troy's Day

7-8 AM Wake up

8-9 AM Eat Breakfast

9-10 AM Be at school

10-11 AM Class

11 AM – 12 PM Class

12-1 PM Lunch

1-2 PM Class

2-3 PM Class

3-4 PM Head home

4-5 PM Watch cartoons

5-6 PM Homework

6-7 PM Eat dinner

Sarah Williams



- 43 years old
- Teacher
- Very busy
- Students are hyper

Sarah's Day

7-8 AM Wake up

8-9 AM Eat Breakfast

9-10 AM Go to Work

10-11 AM Work

11 AM – 12 PM Work

12-1 PM Lunch

1-2 PM Work

2-3 PM Work

3-4 PM Work

4-5 PM Work

5-6 PM Go home

6-7 PM Eat dinner

Jane Farmer



- 39 years old
- Troy's mom
- Office Manager

Jane's Day

7-8 AM Eat Breakfast

8-9 AM Go to work

9-10 AM Work

10-11 AM Work

11 AM – 12 PM Work

12-1 PM Lunch

1-2 PM Work

2-3 PM Work

3-4 PM Work

4-5 PM Go home

5-6 PM Watch TV

6-7 PM Eat Dinner

Ten Activities

- Playing with friends and family
- Buying a game
- Setting up a game
- Cleaning up a game
- Learning the rules of a game

- Playing a game
- Finding a game
- Learning from a game
- Winning a game
- Losing a game

Top Three Activities

- Playing a game
- Learning from a game
- Winning a game

Hypothesis

A set of rules in which players share victory or defeat, and must depend upon each other to win will create a board game which has a strong theme of cooperation.