

# Teacher CLASS Collaboration Tool

Creative Lesson Activity Sharing Sessions Improve Teacher Teamwork and Cohesiveness!

At the beginning of your year (or semester / quarter), each team of teachers for any particular subject will meet together and go over class expectations. During that initial meeting, it will be a great encourager of experimentation and creativity in your school's classrooms if you ask each teacher on that team to plan to **share ONE activity that they have had success with** that involves some kind of experiential activity – movement, group work, or creativity by their students to introduce or reinforce a lesson for that current unit.

Given the opportunity (and encouragement!), you will be amazed at what your own people will share – and your teachers will become a **more cohesive group of collaborators!**

Below is a sample schedule for a course that has four people teaching the same subject. It can easily be modified depending upon the number of teachers in the team and your particular scheduling situation, but the encouragement of sharing leads to GREAT teaching...

**August** - First meeting: Explain “Creative Lesson Activity Sharing Sessions”

**September** - teacher 1 shares

**October** - teacher 2 shares

**November** - teacher 3 shares

**December** - teacher 4 shares

**January** - teacher 1 shares

**February** - teacher 2 shares

**March** - teacher 3 shares

**April** - teacher 4 shares

**May** – Roundtable review: Every team member shares one final idea with group...

Perhaps you can sweeten the program by awarding the “Most creative teacher” with an end of the year bonus or gift. Reward behaviors you want to see repeated by your staff, and keep raising the bar by encouraging teacher teamwork and collaboration!

