

Community Activity

March 29, 2016

Positive Action 3rd Part (No Gym)

Read the students the "Star fish story".

A young girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement.

She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, "Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!"

The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up at the man and replied, "Well, I made a difference to that one!"

The old man looked at the girl inquisitively and thought about what she had done and said. Inspired, he joined the little girl in throwing starfish back into the sea. Soon others joined, and all the starfish were saved.

— Adapted from *The Star Thrower*
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Challenge 1: In groups, make a machine that transfers or moves star fishes from the shore to the beach(negative to positive)

It's a machine that makes negative into positive

Use maker cart and K'nex or the gears

Challenge 2 and award: The students are given the " Caught ya!"s at the end if they are using only positive and uplifting words with your teammates while the activity is happening.

Disclaimer: The students will have 40 minutes to work on this and all projects will be cleaned up after the activity, BUT, the projects will be documented with a camera if the students wish to.