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Mars Rover Model Celebration – Lesson Plan

Introduction:

One of the new vocabulary words for this unit is “manager”. A manager is “a person whose job is to direct or control a business and to deal with the people, equipment, money and problems of that business”. A manager’s job is to run a business so that it is successful. To achieve this, a manager needs to be able to work well with other people. He or she must be able to motivate others to do their best work and to help them, when needed, to do their jobs well. A manager must also know how to use the equipment and the money that a business has in a responsible manner to help the business grow and prosper (be successful). Managers are also responsible for helping businesses to overcome problems. However, the job of a manager is not to boss people around and tell them what to do. A good manager works together with everyone else to get the job done.

Example:

Let’s look at a picture that will better help us to better understand meaning of manager. The people in this picture are in the middle of a meeting. The manager is the man in the gray suit in the middle. He is working with the other people on his team (the people working with him in the business) and they are working together to make the business successful. The manager is guiding the work and making sure that everyone knows what they have to do to get the job done.

Reflection:

I am going to describe some office jobs to you. If the job I describe is something you think a manager would usually do, I want you to put your thumb up and say MANAGER. If the job I describe is not something a manager would usually do, I want you to put your thumbs down and remain silent.

- Cooking breakfast for the employees of the company (thumbs down)
- Assigning tasks to different employees so that an important project gets done (thumbs up)
- Working with employees to solve a problem with a new product (thumbs up)
- Emptying the trash baskets and sweeping the building floor (thumbs down)

Make it personal:

People sometimes think that a manager’s job is to be the boss and to tell everyone else what to do. Why isn’t this a good way for a manager to do their job? Share your ideas with a neighbor. Start your sentence with, “It’s not a good idea for a manager to be bossy because _____”. I will ask some of you to share your sentences with the class.