Agriculture Education
Cycle Theme: Transcendence
Thematic Lesson: Kick Off Activity

Transcendence is defined as "existence or experience beyond the normal or physical level" (google.com).

"Watch the weather change." - Maynard James Keenan

Kick off activity goals:

- Introduce the cycle theme
- Give students a common definition of the theme
- Present the seasonal curriculum in the context of the cycle theme
- Provide a platform for students to become excited about the content and work ahead
- Show students that together we are strong

Title: Putting the Pieces Together

- **Type of Activity: Group Game**
- **Time Required: 30 minutes**
- **Materials Needed:**
    - **Song Lyric Mix-up & AV to play songs**
    - **Ingredient Mix-up & snacks**
    - **Poster board, markers, tape**

In this activity students will receive jumbled pieces of popular song lyrics and in groups will try to piece them together. The songs will focus on positive changes and reaching for success. There will be three different songs for the students to organize (only one for each table) and after a time of collaboration each team will share their ideas with the group. We will listen to the songs together.

Students will do a similar activity with pictures of food ingredients. Each of the ingredients can be combined to make a delicious meal and table groups will need to brainstorm about the possibilities that can come from combining pieces together. We will enjoy a few snacks that match their ingredients.

Finally students will apply this concept to our class community and brainstorm things we can accomplish together versus alone. Students will create a collaborative poster where they write their ideas and it will stay in the room for the cycle.

Wrap up the activity by asking students to read aloud what they wrote on the poster and where it should be placed in the room.