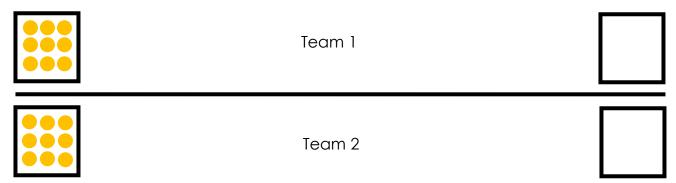




The ability to work together with others as part of a team is not simply a skill needed at school, it is an important skill used in all areas of life. Being a partner requires people to work cooperatively with others towards a shared purpose. For a partnership to work together effectively, it takes all members to respect each other's abilities, ideas, and opinions. One vs Many is a highly interactive activity which will hopefully show that more can be accomplished when you partner with others.

1. Set up an area in your classroom for two teams to demonstrate Being A Partner. Use painters tape to divide a lane for the two teams and areas for the balls (see example diagram below).



- 2. Team 1 will consist of one person. Team 2 will consist of 10 people. The object of the game is to get all of the balls from one side of the lane to other as quickly as possible.
- 3. The only rule is that you can only <u>hold one ball at a time</u>....a player cannot carry three balls at a time...it has to be one at a time! (hint: have Team 2 players line up forming an assembly line between the two boxes)



POINT: As long as Team 2 works together as partners, they should have NO problem getting all of the balls from one box to the other before the Team 1 player. You will also notice that the members of Team 2 didn't have to exert nearly as much energy as the person working alone.

A team that works together will always beat a team of one in this game. No matter how hard the player in Team 1 works, runs, sweats, tries....it will be no match for a group working together.

After you and your class have played One vs Many, have a discussion with the following questions:

- 1. What are some things at school where working as partners is a good idea?
- 2. How can being a partner help a person....a group....a class....a grade level....a school?
- 3. How can working together make a difference for you at home?

