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Core Competency Reflection- Invention Project

Communication:

The Core Competency I chose for my reflection is communication. For the invention project I decided to work with a partner, and while working with my partner I was able to show examples of communication. Firstly, I worked toward a common goal, did my share and took on responsibilities during the project. My partner and I split up work based on our strengths, I worked on the visual and writing, while he was more hands-on and worked on the physical invention and concept. I was able to complete my part on time and get everything I had to do done. Overall, I think my partner and I worked together and collaborated with each other well to complete the project.

Secondly, I also showed I was able to connect and engage with others. I was an active listener when my partner had ideas and was able to question and build on them. While we were brainstorming, we both came up with many ideas, but in the end found something unique and possible to invent by ourselves. Also, during the invention fair, I was able to answer any questions that were asked or add on to something my partner explained. Speaking of which, I think I did well presenting to an audience, even though I knew my audience, I could thoroughly explain if someone needed more understanding. I think the invention fair went well and we presented in a clear and organized way.

Next time I would like to improve on being able to communicate my ideas to my partner more since I went along with his ideas mostly and it didn’t exactly turn out how I wanted or pictured it to. Originally, I had invention ideas I thought would be cool, but I didn’t speak up, so we didn’t do any of them. For example, one of my ideas was a heated snow tire that would melt snow when you drove. Because I didn’t say what I was thinking we didn’t do it and thinking back now I regret it because it was a lot cooler than the Flavor Savor (our invention). Next time I will try and make sure to speak up about what I think instead of letting someone else take the lead.