THE CUBE EXPERIMENT

SPI 0807 Inq 1: Design a simple experimental procedure with an identified control and appropriate variables.

SPI 0807 Inq 4: Draw a conclusion that establishes a cause and effect relationship supported by evidence.

Rubric:

Individual step sheet ____/20 Individual illustration ____/20 Group step sheet ____/20 Group illustration ____/20 Changes made along the way _____/10 Conclusion ____/10

Extra Credit: The golf ball was suspended inside the cube _____/5

Task:

Using the scientific method, construct a cube that will suspend a golf ball inside of it using the following materials:

15 straws 8 pipe cleaners golf ball

Directions:

Your group will brainstorm how to build a cube using the materials above and the cube must suspend a golf ball inside of it. The golf ball may not touch the desk.

- 1. Brainstorm individually and create a step-by-step sheet
- 2. Illustrate your final idea on your paper to show your group your idea
- 3. Talk with your group and come up with one step-by-step sheet for your final product
- 4. Illustrate your final idea as a group BEFORE you begin
- 5. Build
- 6. Along the way, record changes you made to your step sheet
- 7. Record your final conclusion and if/why your hypothesis and original group plan worked and why/why not.