

The dePaul School

Respect-Teach-Challenge-Inspire



Mindset Matters!

Many of us are aware of the fascinating research that was done at Stanford University by Carol Dweck. The research showed the profound effect a person's mindset, or attitude about learning, could have on motivation and academic performance.

Dr. Dweck's research demonstrated, among other things, how the simple act of praising effort, or the process the student took to learn, rather than ability, can have a dramatic effect on cultivating a growth mindset. But how, as parents, can we turn this powerful research into practice?

Homeschoolingwithdyslexia.com provides some ideas to get you started on how to phrase your feedback in a way that develops more of a growth mindset in your child:

I see that you have been trying so hard at ...
You are becoming more confident at
Good job taking on such a hard task ...
I like the way that you
You must have tried really hard at this.
I see that you are trying again, great thinking.
You remembered to use the procedure for
It must feel good to follow those steps you have taken.
What a brilliant way to approach the task.

What to say when they struggle despite strong effort:

- OK, so you didn't do as well as you wanted to. Let's look at this as an opportunity to learn.
- What did you do to prepare for this? Is there anything you could do to prepare differently next time?
- You are not there/here **yet**.
- When you think you can't do it, remind yourself that you can't do it **yet**.

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Upcoming Events

October 27

Fieldtrip – Delta Students
St. Pete International Folk Fair

October 30

Gala Planning Committee
Kick-Off Meeting
8:00 a.m. in the Church

October 31

Trunk or Treat
Parent Set-Up 1:15
Students Outside @ 1:45

November 2

End of first grading period

November 3

Professional Day
No School for Students

November 9

Progress Reports Available

November 10

In-School Assembly, 12:30-2:30
Reptile Discovery Program
with live reptiles

November 20-24

Thanksgiving Break – School
Closed

Mindset, cont.

- You might be struggling, but you are making progress. I can see your growth (in these places).
- Look at how much progress you made on this. Do you remember how much more challenging this was (yesterday/last week/last year)?
- Of course it's tough – school is here to make our brains stronger!
- If it were easy, you wouldn't be learning anything!
- You can do it – it's tough, but you can; let's break it down into steps.
- Let's stop here and return tomorrow with a fresher brain.
- I admire your persistence and I appreciate your hard work. It will pay off.

To read the article in its entirety, go to <https://homeschoolingwithdyslexia.com/how-to-teach-kids-about-the-power-of-a-growth-mindset/>

International Dyslexia Association (IDA) CEO Visits dePaul School

The dePaul School was honored to have Rick Smith, CEO of the International Dyslexia Association visit our school on September 21. Mr. Smith spent the morning observing classes and meeting with administrators and teachers. His visit concluded with an all-staff lunch. Mr. Smith had high praise for our program, our staff and our students and was impressed with our true structured literacy curriculum! We are so happy that he took the time to visit dePaul School!

Staff Attends IDA Florida Branch Annual Conference

Nine members of the dePaul School staff attend the FL IDA Branch Conference in Daytona Shores on September 23. It was a great conference with interesting and informative speakers and lots of good information to bring back and use at school!

1st Annual dePaul School Gala & Auction Planning Underway!

Thank you to Honor Concklin and Molly Davis for volunteering to Co-Chair our Gala! Interested in helping out? Plan to attend the Planning Committee Kick-Off Meeting, Monday, October 30 at 8:00 in the Church. Come and hear about the fun theme, great venue and specific volunteer opportunities!!

Class Notes...

Science-Some classes are learning about the different vertebrate and invertebrate groups....**Technology**- Several classes working on Keynote presentations to present in other classes ...**Traditional Math**- Students are having fun with the reinforcement program, Splash Math on iPads!

I have a **GROWTH MINDSET!**



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**October is Dyslexia
Awareness Month**



Be sure to Like the dePaul School Clearwater on Facebook. We will be posting positive, informative and inspirational posts about dyslexia all month long. You can help spread the word and increase awareness about dyslexia and the impact it has on children and adults by sharing these posts on your social media outlets!

**Hurricane
Make-Up Days:
Monday, January 8
Monday, March 12**