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Everybody Can Succeed at Math

Day to day students learn the essentials for reading, writing, math, social studies, sciences and other extracurricular activities.

One strategy that I would like to start implementing in 2nd grade is Growth Mindset, this means working on the following: What it means, Encourage Failure, the brain can grow, and helping change our dialogue.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

In the past we used to think intelligence was fixed- meaning we were either smart or we weren't. Scientist have proven that this is simply not true. Our brain acts like a muscle- the more we use it, the stronger (and smarter) our brain becomes.

ENCOURAGE FAILURE

Students need to know that failure can and often does happen and is okay! Don't step in to prevent your child's failure- this is how she/he learns to persevere. On thagenof ain ans

Warhorse

The difference between novels and movies is that in movies the entire story is visualized for you. In the book you have to read, think, and create your own visualization. Movies and novels also have different details; the movie can't recreate every single thing that happens in the book, if it did the movie would be more than two hours. In Language Arts we have been comparing and contrasting the book and the movie and thinking about whether we are book learners or visual screen learners or a bit of both.

Whether it's the book or the movie, Warhorse is an incredible story about friendship and trust. It's about a boy, Albert, and his horse Joey and their dramatic adventure through World War One. Throughout the whole story they love each other and take care of one another through the toughest of times even when separated by the war. This book really emphasizes the power of friendship. Joey is parted from his beloved friend and owner Albert, but this can't break the bonds of their friendship. Joey goes from being a farm horse to being a cavalry horse and suffers the affects of war in exactly the same way a soldier would. Despite many challenges and traumas, such as trench warfare and losing many friends along the way, horse and owner are reunited in an emotional climax. In the book, Joey speaks in the first person and in many ways this brings the novel to life. Nevertheless, this is a heart-warming story that touches the heart both in book form and on the screen. Their never-ending friendship gets them through the war in this story of love, friendship and overall hope. During hard times such as World War One there was a great sense of community between everybody, even though they had hard times they always helped each other in anyway they could, this is what we lack nowadays, a sense community and trust between one another. It's the best friendship story I have ever read.

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