

Port Weller Public School



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THE TREASURE CHEST



Principal's Message

Growth Mindset in Math

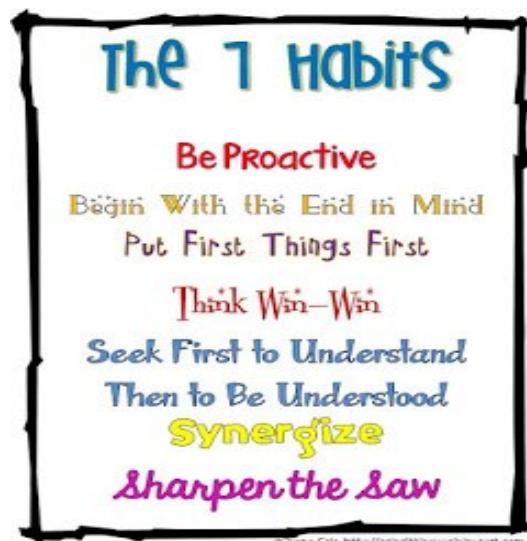
In general, a growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and ‘smartness’ can also be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort. The opposite, a fixed mindset, is the idea that you are smart, or you are not. In math, that translates into “some people are good at math, and some are not.” Did you know that praising efforts rather than intelligence or results can impact your child’s ability to persevere in challenges?! The goal is to have children thrive on challenges and see failures, not as a sign of low intelligence, but as a learning opportunity. Brain research tells us that making mistakes actually wires more connections into the brain! When a person has a growth mindset, they accept challenges, see their efforts as worthwhile, and are open to learning from mistakes. Students with a growth mindset achieve at higher levels than those with fixed mindsets. How can you help? Some simple ways:

- Adding “yet” when they claim they are “not good at this” (Respond: “You are not good at this yet.”)
- Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices and get them to reflect on satisfaction of that effort (e.g. *What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?*)
- Model this yourself as you share about your day

Greetings from School Council!

Our Vesey's flower fundraiser was a big success with \$2300 raised. This will go towards our main goal of getting a new projector and sound system for the gym. We are also hoping to purchase new Volleyball uniforms. Thank you to those who participated - orders should arrive in a couple weeks. Time to get those flower beds ready!

Thanks again!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

EQAO—May 23-June 5 (grade 3 and 6)

May 19—PA Day no classss

Jun 23—SK Graduation

June28—Grade 8 Graduation



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