

Raising kids to be  
Effective Learners

Thinkers and  
Problem Solvers

## Meet the Team

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Student Achievement Defined As:





# Tonight's Discussion

- ❑ Comfort
- ❑ Equity of voice
- ❑ Conversation Based



# Leaders, thinkers, and problem solvers?

- ▣ One of many frameworks
- ▣ Common Language
- ▣ Success skills, Academic Excellence skills,  
Employability skills, Intellectual Dispositions, etc.
- ▣ Habits of Mind

# Understanding Habits of Mind

- Persistence
- Managing Impulsivity
- Listening with empathy & understanding
- Thinking flexibly
- Thinking about thinking
- Striving for accuracy
- Questioning and Posing Problems
- Applying past knowledge to new situations

- Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision
- Gathering data through all senses
- Creating, imagining, innovating
- Responding with wonderment & awe
- Taking responsible risks
- Finding humor
- Thinking interdependently
- Remaining open to continuous learning

# Let's Boil it Down

**Characteristics, behaviors and dispositions you implement when you're confronted with a question, social interaction or need to navigate our changing world!**



Thinkers



Learners



Problem  
Solvers





What Habits of Mind can you identify?



1. What Habits of Mind could you identify in the video?
2. If you watched this alongside your child, how could you open a conversation about habits of mind?

I was successful when ...

What were you  
doing

Conditions  
to be  
successful

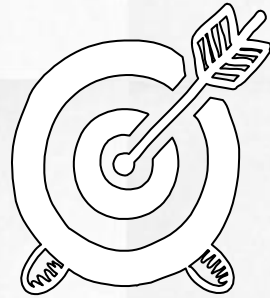
What habits of  
mind did you  
use

I was successful when...

1. Read the directions.
2. Made sure I had all the needed tools/materials.
3. Took my time and worked carefully.
4. Called my very handy friend.

Try on your own

Describe the a recent success...



# Personal Reflection

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**Habits I exemplify...**



**Habits I struggle with...**



**A recent example about myself I could point out to my child/children...**



**One habit I really want to focus on with my family is...**

## What other environments do you see these being nurtured outside of school?

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## Developing Your Child's Habits of Success In School, Life and Work

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As a parent of 3 daughters and a grandparent of 6 granddaughters, I reflect with great satisfaction on their being successful in school, in their work, and in their life as marriage partners and parents. With hindsight, I know I made many mistakes along the way, but I've learned from the process. The purpose of this article is to help parents understand and foster positive learning habits in their children--habits that will produce success in school, work and life.

Considerable research demonstrates that successful people in most any walk of life display certain characteristics or dispositions. I call them Habits of Mind<sup>i</sup>. They are patterns of thinking and behaving in intelligent ways and are displayed when confronted with life's dilemmas and problems. We want our children to develop those habits that lead them to become lifelong learners, effective problem solvers and decision makers, able to communicate with a diverse population and to understand how to live successfully in a rapidly changing, high tech world.



# Idea Splatter

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## Poster Map

- Collage
- Person Diagram
- Magazine Words



## Habit of the Month

- Post on Fridge
- 360 Life View - sports, music, school



## Headbands

- Notecard/Post it note
- Put on forehead
- Others describe, you guess



## Media, film, books

- Searching for specific
- Non examples



## Now What?

- ★ What feedback and communication would you like to receive about our work on readiness habits?
- ★ How can we continue to engage you in our work?

Thank You

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