



You Can Learn Anything

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I asked my first grader last week about his math class and I was so excited to share his response with you!

“Mom, my teacher gave us a worksheet today and it only had four questions. **They were really hard!** When I try three different ways and none of them work I start to get nervous.”

Wondering what he was going to say next, he continued.

“I keep trying though because my brain is like a sponge and I know that it is soaking up all the knowledge I am learning. My brain expands like a sponge when it gets wet except my brain expands when it gets more knowledge.”

I actually had to ask him to repeat the words again to make sure the words I had just heard really came from a seven-year-old’s mouth.

This conversation reminded me of the Khan Academy video, [You Can Learn Anything](#), which emphasizes this idea that with hard work and the right strategies our students really can learn anything!



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All the Best,

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2016 Teacher of the Year Summit

Last month, Governor Rick Scott hosted the 2016 District Teachers of the Year Summit in Tallahassee. More than 60 teachers benefited from three days of professional development, recognition and networking. The first day teachers spent nearly two hours with Governor Scott and Commissioner Stewart in an open roundtable discussion on topics like mentoring, evaluations, and testing. Members of the Florida Cabinet honored the teachers with a resolution during their meeting. The summit concluded with recognition at the State Board of Education meeting.

