



## Mindset Shift

December 7, 2016

I received a really powerful email from an educator in Palm Beach.

She shared that she is concentrating on self-talk with her first grade students and that she recently had them practice by drawing vignettes with scenes of characters using fixed mindset and growth mindset language. Her students have created personalized goal sheets, and she is helping to spread the “[power of yet](#)” to teachers throughout the school.

This educator also shared that she has one student who keeps her up at night. She described a first grader who has wonderful oral comprehension but can barely read eight sight words and has not yet been able to break “the alphabet code.” He is behind his peers and aware of it, she explained. Adding, “I am working so hard to try to get him to see that his progress is important; that he has accomplished much.”

She asked me the following question, “How do you reach a student who feels that he is not able to succeed academically because he has met failure at every turn? The student has a fixed mindset because of his experiences and is not open to a growth mindset yet.”

I am asking you to provide support to your fellow Florida educator. What would you do in this situation and how would you begin to help this student have a mindset shift? I look forward to learning from you!

All the best,

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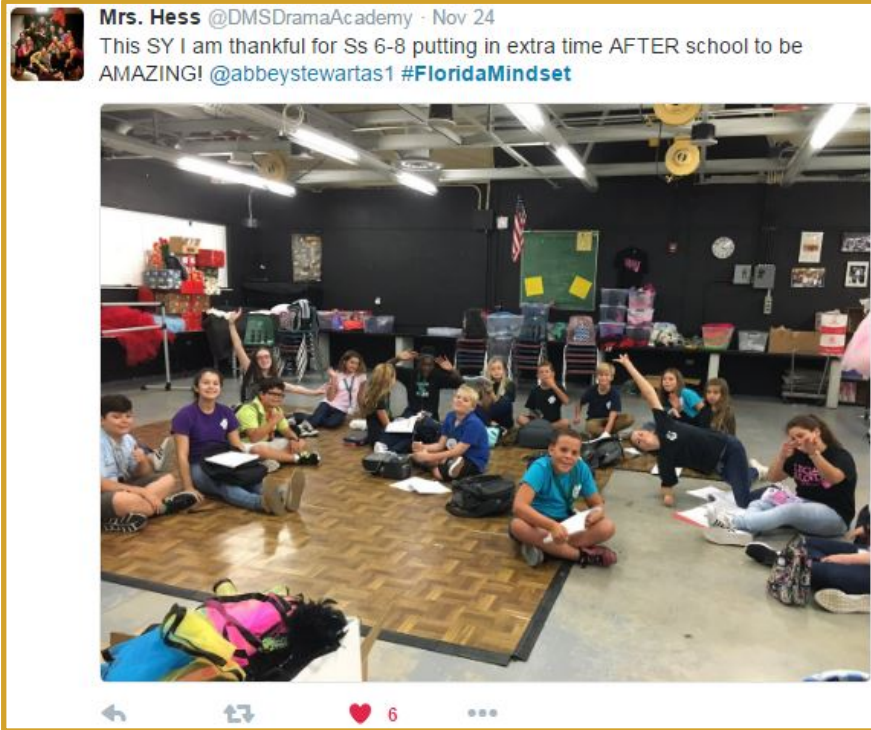
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### 2017 Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! Reminder

Reminder that all *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!* Literacy-Civics Service Project submissions are to be postmarked by **December 12, 2016** in order to be considered in the contest.

The contest theme is *Literacy Changes Our World*.

Submissions may be emailed to [CLW@fldoe.org](mailto:CLW@fldoe.org) or mailed to the following address:

Florida Department of Education  
Just Read, Florida!  
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Complete contest details can be found [here](#).

