

The Power of Yet



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Recently, I received the book *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Dr. Carol Dweck. The philosophy behind Dr. Dweck's work has changed my life both personally and professionally. While the profession of teaching is one of the most rewarding, it is also one of the most evolving, always leaving room for us to grow. One of Dr. Dweck's findings that challenges me to grow as a teacher is the power of "yet".

After learning of the power of "yet" I wish that I took a bit more time before grading my papers. I wish that instead of a grade that has such finality, I gave only feedback and the opportunity for students to correct their papers. In the subject of writing this is common practice, but I wish I had done it in math and science as well.

Our students should know that just because they don't understand a specific concept now, does not mean they never will. Dr. Dweck does a remarkable job of explaining how powerful one simple change in our classroom practice can be. "The Power of Yet" gives our students the motivation to keep learning and not give up. I invite you to take the time to watch this short video and consider how you will incorporate ["The Power of Yet"](#) in your classroom.

If you would like to share any thoughts or experiences with using the power of "yet" in your classroom, please email me at Melanie.Weitz@fldoe.org.

Best Regards,

Melanie Weitz
Teacher Liaison

Classroom Connections

January was Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Each year, more than 300 Florida children are reported as human trafficking victims and countless cases remain unreported. Florida ranks third in the nation in reports to the national human trafficking hotline. [Read more about Human Trafficking and how to prevent it.](#)

The Graphic Organizer and Extending Thinking

Graphic organizers (GOs) help students to sort out ideas and facts, and in this they can be extremely useful as they make information visible and show the relationships and connections among pieces

of information. [Read more about using the graphic organizer in your classroom.](#)

Hot Topics in Tallahassee

Governor Scott Proposes Historic Education Funding in the “Keep Florida Working” Budget

Governor Rick Scott’s “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget increases K – 12 funding to a historic level of \$19.75 billion, an increase of \$261 per student over last year and \$50 per student over the previous record in 2007 – 2008. [Read More.](#)

Milken Award Grants Florida Teacher with \$25,000!

Commissioner Stewart and First Lady Scott surprise [St. Lucie County teacher Nardi Routten with a \\$25,000 award from Milken for furthering excellence in education.](#)



(From left) Commissioner Stewart, Nardi Routten, First Lady Ann Scott, Dr. Jane Foley, Superintendent Genelle Yost & Rep. Larry Lee, Jr.

External Opportunities

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute

The Chicago Metro History Education Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Loyola University Chicago invite K-12 teachers to apply for “Rethinking the Gilded Age and Progressive Era: Capitalism, Democracy, and Progressivisms, 1877 to 1920.” [Learn more.](#)

Research Experience for Teachers

Florida State University and the National High Magnetic Field Lab will host their annual Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) in June 2015. [Learn more.](#)