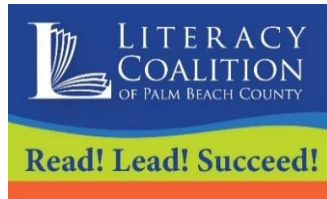


READ and THINK before you ACT.



Leading through Reading

Mistakes Happen (K-2)

READ

Mistakes happen, but do not worry. Mistakes can be helpful to you.

The way you think about mistakes can make great things happen.

Be ready to learn and improve. Focus and find strength. Make each mistake an opportunity!

Read: [Beautiful Oops](#)
by Barney Sal
and
[It's Okay to Make Mistakes](#)
by Todd Parr

THINK

Do you have the power to keep a mistake from ruining your day? Have you ever turned a mistake into something fun?

ACT

Gather 6 blank pieces of paper, crayons, markers, and other art supplies that you may have at home. Try these projects:

Mistake?

can you:
erase it? use the other side of the paper?
cut off the part you don't want? color or paint over it?
glue on something to cover it up? (paper, foil, pom-pom...)
turn it into something else?

Turn a mistake into art. Create five 'fake' mistakes. On each piece of paper, put something that looks like a mistake (blobs of paint, rips, pieces of tape stuck in weird places, holes, etc.)

Walk away from your five 'fake' mistakes for five minutes or more, and then come back.

Just like in the book, *Beautiful Oops!*, turn these papers with mistakes into art.

You have the power to take an oops and turn it into something beautiful!

Create art in the dark. Put a piece of paper and drawing tools in front of you. Make it dark in the room by turning off the lights and closing the curtains. In the dark, spend five minutes drawing. Choose to draw something simple that you have drawn before. For example, draw a tree or a house.

After drawing for up to five minutes, turn on the lights. Look at what you created in the dark with a positive attitude. Take a minute to study your drawing. Imagine what you can do with it. Allow yourself another five minutes to finish the drawing in the light. When you are finished, praise yourself for making the best out of what you had! Remind yourself that you can continue to make the best out of what you have in many other ways. Mistakes are opportunities!

Reference: [Art for Education](#)

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