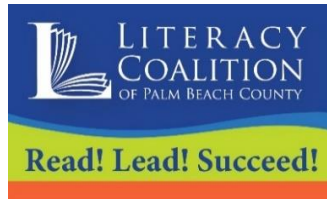


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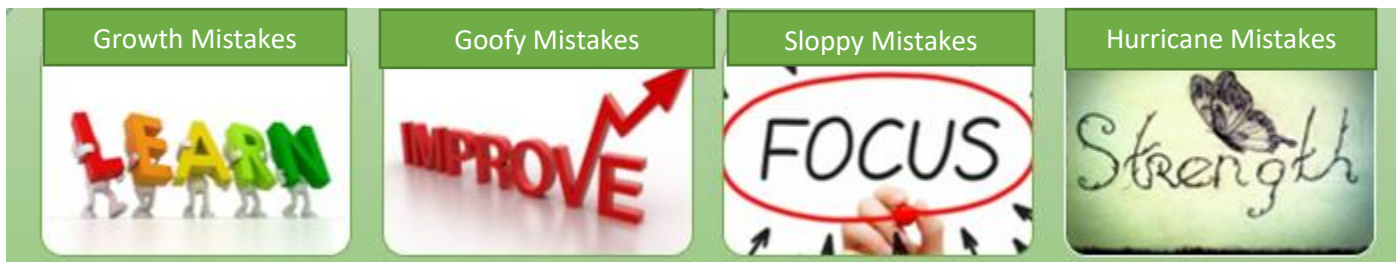
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Mistakes Happen (6-8)

READ

To help you to understand mistakes, we created names for the different types and offer you ways to handle each type:

- **Growth Mistakes** occur when we are inventing or learning something new. The best thing to do with this type of mistake is to stop, reflect and learn. Reflecting helps you to be a successful student in school and in life.
- **Goofy Mistakes** happen when we accomplish what we want to get done, but not in the best way. For example, we may need to get to a classroom on the other side of the school, but we take the longest route to get there. The best thing to do with this kind of mistake is to plan and improve for next time.
- **Sloppy Mistakes** happen when we are doing something we already know how to do. We rush or get distracted and lax about what we are doing. When we make these mistakes, it means we need to focus and concentrate.
- **Hurricane Mistakes** are the biggest, most catastrophic of mistakes. These mistakes cause a great deal of damage and loss. This type of mistake would be like a competing quarterback sleeping through the Super Bowl game. Recovering requires strength and determination. Although it is painful to learn from these, it is important.



Resist acting as if all mistakes are catastrophic. Be strong. It is important to remember not to fear mistakes. If you learn and improve, the opportunity to grow from mistakes offers countless and sometimes surprising benefits. Did you know that Post-its and Coca-Cola were mistakes? Read: [Mistakes that Worked](#) & [What to do When Mistakes Make You Quake](#).

THINK

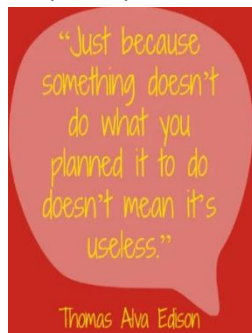
Do you believe that everyone makes mistakes? Do you have a positive attitude about mistakes? Are mistakes proof you are trying? Are they opportunities to learn? What are the best things that you can say about mistakes?

ACT

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Highlight Your Mistakes-You can learn from them. Watch a learning moments [video](#) to see how a math teacher did this in her class. She found out how important focusing and reflecting on mistakes can be. Watch more [videos](#).
Experience Mistakes and Consider the Reaction Choices- Play the [Mistakes were Made](#) game on PBS. Try activities on our other plans. Plan 58 has *Turn a Mistake into Art* and *Art in the Dark*. Plan 60 has Easy-to-fail activities such as tongue twisters to *Challenge Your Ability to Accept Your Mistakes and Grow*.



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