



Jones Monthly Update

PTO News

Next Meeting - Please join us at our next PTO meeting on January 15 at 3:30PM. We'd love to hear your new ideas. Everyone is welcome, including your children!

Our Texas Roadhouse Night Out will be January 17 from 3:30 to 9:30. Make plans for a dinner night out and support a great cause!

The Texas Roadhouse gift card fundraiser and the Panera night out were a success! Thank you for all of your support!

Stay Informed! Like & Share the PTO Facebook Page, *PTO at Jones Elementary School*.

Talent Show

Our talent show this year is going to be by audition only. Interested students will need to speak with Mrs. Kentaft to get the audition forms.

These forms will include detailed information for parents, audition tips, and parent permission slips. Mrs. Kentaft is at Jones on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The parent permission slips *must be signed and turned in* to Mrs. Kentaft before the student may sign up for an audition time. Deadline for sign-ups is Wednesday, January 9.

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade auditions will be on Monday, January 14 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM.

K, 1st, and 2nd grade auditions will be on Wednesday, January 16 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM. Students will be notified by January 18 if they have a slot in the talent show on Thursday, February 28. A schedule of rehearsal times will be sent home at that time.

Please remember, ***if students do not sign up for an audition time they will not be allowed to audition.*** Posters with more detailed information and tips for auditioning have been posted at school. Any questions may be emailed to lesley.kentaft@portage.k12.in.us.

Late Start Wednesday

Our next *Late Start Wednesday* will be Wednesday, February 6. There will be a 30-minute delay in bus arrival that morning. Breakfast will begin at 8:45. Student arrival is at 9:10. The start of the school day is 9:25.

THERE IS NO LATE START WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY

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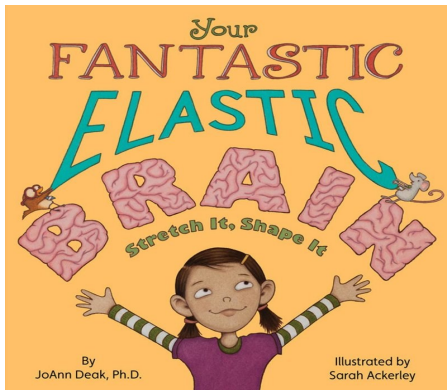
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Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud

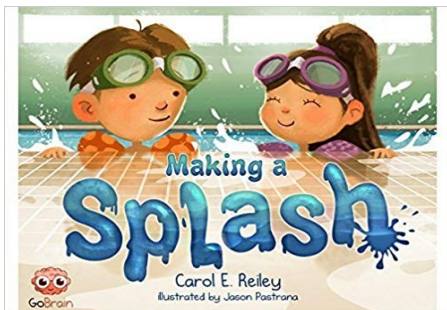
Help Your Child Develop a Growth Mindset

Here are 10 children's books to assist you with helping your child develop a Growth Mindset:

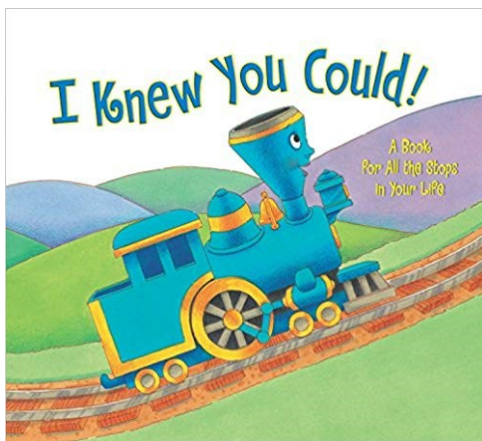
1. Teach your child about the brain and how it learns *Your Fantastic Elastic Brain: Stretch It, Shape It* by JoAnn Deaks



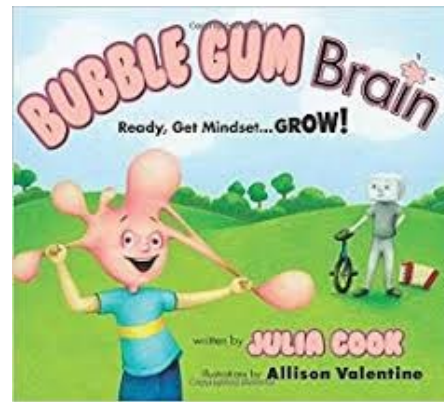
2. Teach your child about the different mindsets *Making a Splash* by Carol E. Reiley



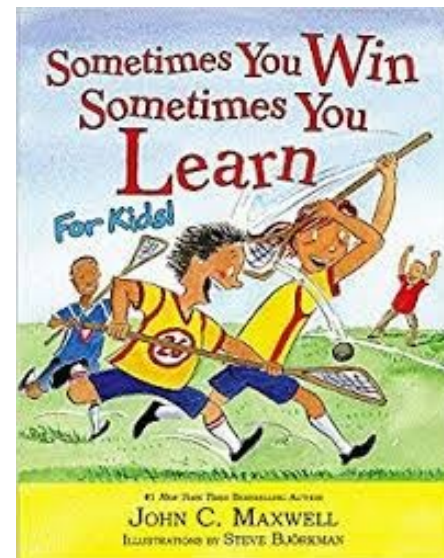
3. Model growth mindset thinking *I Knew You Could!* by Craig Dorfman



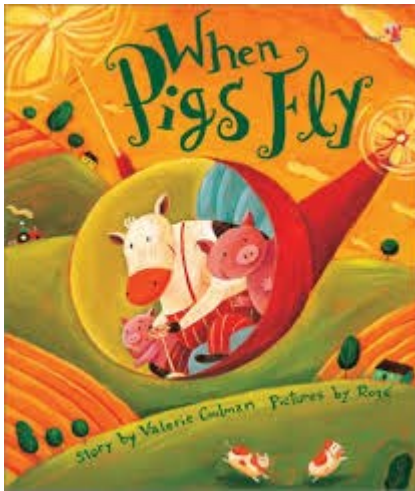
4. Discuss negative and positive self talk *Bubble Gum Brain* by Julia Cook



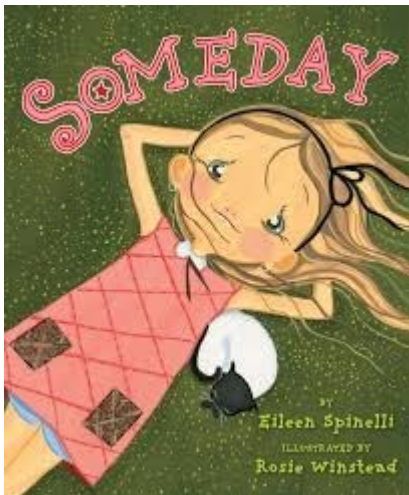
5. Recognize effort over success *Sometimes You Win - Sometimes You Learn for Kids* by John C. Maxwell



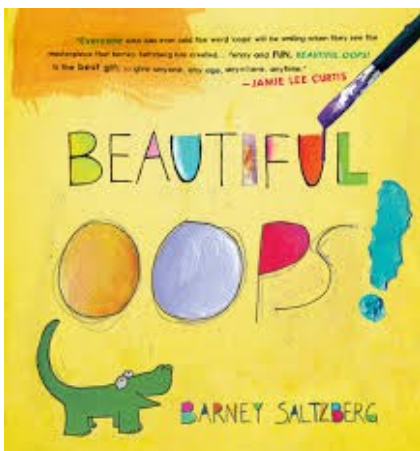
6. Teach them the power of yet *When Pigs Fly* by Valerie Coulman



7. Help them set goals *Someday* by Eileen Spinelli



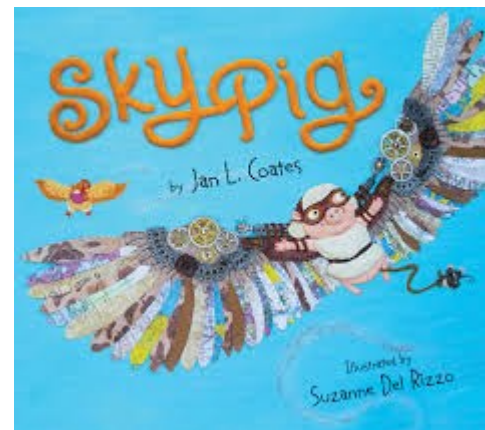
8. Celebrate mistakes and struggles *Beautiful Oops!* by Barney Saltzberg



9. Avoid labeling your child and others *The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes* by Mark Pett and Gary Ruinstein



10. Model growth mindset behavior *Sky Pig* by Jan L. Coates



Igloo Run

On December 1st, over 75 Jones students participated in the Igloo Run at the Portage Boys and Girls Club. We had several donors which made it possible to waive the fee for many of the runners. We had many top finishers. Jones had the most runners of all Portage Schools which won the \$500 for our school.

♪We are the Champions!♪

eLearning

Please make sure to support your child in completing their eLearning assignments. If students do not return the verification form to show completion, it is recorded as a failing assignment in the gradebook, and also counts as an absence in the gradebook. If you do not have the technology needed, please try the library, the YMCA, or the Boys and Girls Club.

Music News

Attention all 4th and 5th graders! The Jones Choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, January 22 after school until 4:00PM. Choir will meet every Tuesday until our last rehearsal in April. Choir is for any student that enjoys singing and performing. All interested students can get a note from Mrs. Duncan.

Circle the State practices will be held on Saturday, January 19 and Saturday, January 26 from 9:00AM - 11:00AM.

Important Dates

- January 10 End of 2nd Quarter
- January 11 No Students/ Records Day
- January 14 Yearbook activity pictures
- January 14 3, 4, 5th grades talent show auditions
- January 15 5th Grade Band demo day
- January 15 PTO Meeting 3:30
- January 16 Report cards go home
- January 16 K, 1, 2nd grades talent show auditions
- January 21 eLearning Day

Box Tops for Education



We are in need of Box Tops! Please send in your Box Tops. Please help us and trim the Box Tops - we have to pay the postage to send these for redemption. We use the money from these *Box Tops* to pay for the school homework folders, K - 2 writing journals, and 3 - 5 planners. Please help support us by collecting and turning in the Box Tops.

