



NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## COMMUNITY BOOK STUDY

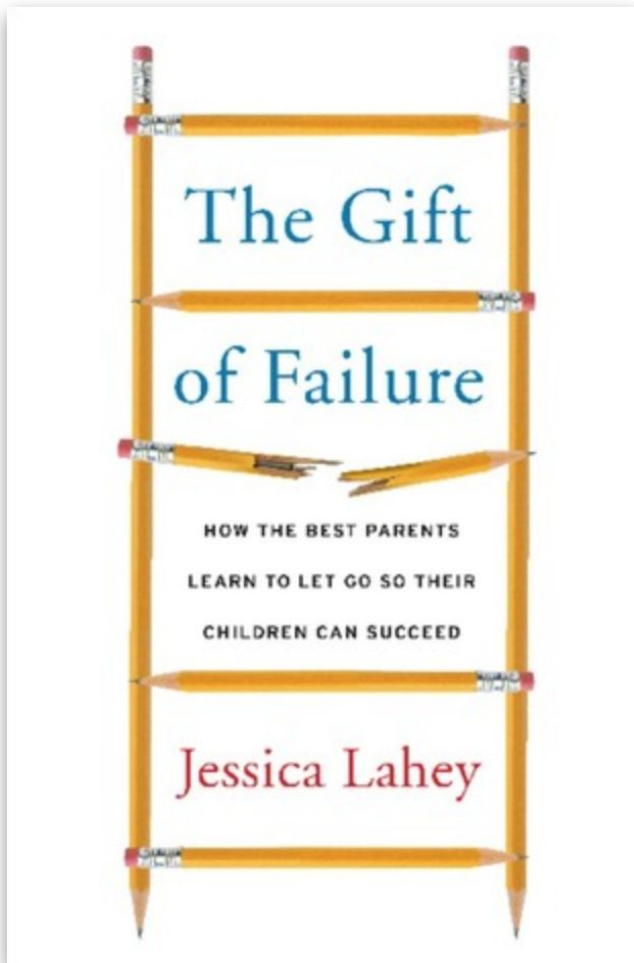
“THE GIFT OF FAILURE: HOW THE BEST PARENTS LEARN TO LET GO SO THEIR CHILDREN CAN SUCCEED”

FACILITATED BY SUPERINTENDENT  
DR. CAROLINE JOHNS

Modern parenting is defined by an unprecedented level of overprotectiveness: parents who rush to school at the whim of a phone call to deliver forgotten assignments, who challenge teachers on report card disappointments, mastermind children’s friendships, and interfere on the playing field. As teacher and writer Jessica Lahey explains, even though these parents see themselves as being highly responsive to their children’s well being, they aren’t giving them the chance to experience failure—or the opportunity to learn to solve their own problems.

Providing a path toward solutions, Lahey lays out a blueprint with targeted advice for handling homework, report cards, social dynamics, and sports. Most importantly, she sets forth a plan to help parents learn to step back and embrace their children’s failures. Hard-hitting yet warm and wise, *The Gift of Failure* is essential reading for parents, educators, and psychologists nationwide who want to help children succeed.

Participants must purchase their own book and should RSVP to Laureen Dowd at [ldowd@northgatesd.net](mailto:ldowd@northgatesd.net).



**PARTICIPANTS DO NOT NEED  
TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS.**

FEEL FREE TO DROP IN AS YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS.

### MEETING DATES & TIMES

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| CH 1 & 2   | Jan. 27   6-7:30 PM (B)   |
| CH 3 & 4   | Feb. 19   9-10:30 AM (A)  |
| CH 5 & 6   | April 1   6-7:30 PM (B)   |
| CH 7 & 8   | April 24   9-10:30 AM (A) |
| CH 9 & 10  | May 20   6-7:30 PM (B)    |
| CH 11 & 12 | June 12   9-10:30 AM (A)  |

(A) - Avalon Public Library | (B) - Andrew Bayne Memorial Library