Personalized Learning at Skoi Yase Newsletter

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REFRESHER - WHAT IS PL?

Personalizing learning is an instructional approach that **builds and deepens student ownership of learning within and beyond school.**

Student ownership of learning looks and sounds different for each student, but is always grounded in four key principles:

- Builds self awareness of their unique strengths, interests, and learning modalities
- Empowers them to advocate for themselves and their community
- Develops self management skills that encourage personal and academic growth
- Inspires them to become lifelong learners

PERSONALIZED LEARNING MYTH VS. FACT

PL is **SCARY** - ***MYTH***! 😉 My job is to help make PL accessible and easy for you to implement in your daily classroom routines.

I can personalize instruction without using technology - ***FACT!***

Personalized learning means I need to build an individualized lesson plan for each student. - ***MYTH!***

PL doesn't include any whole group instruction - ***MYTH!***

I'm already implementing PL without realizing it - ***FACT!***

QUICK IDEA - INTRODUCING GOAL SETTING TO YOUNG MINDS

Here are some picture books to introduce goal setting to students. The idea of goal setting will be especially helpful to your WIN groups throughout the year!

- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
- Dreams Do Come True, All They Need Is You by Mike Dooley
- Salt in His Shoes by Deloris Jordan
- The Girl and the Bicycle by Mark Pett
- Froggy Rides a Bike by Jonathan London
- A Chair for my Mother by Vera B. Williams
- Quest by Aaron Becker
- How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers
- Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall
- Girl and the Bicycle by Mark Pett
- Flight School by Lita Judge
- Ambitious Ninja by Mary Nhin
- The Curious Garden by Peter Brown
- Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats
- The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi
- After the Fall by Dan Santat

If you don't read this whole newsletter, at least read this!

LOOKING FORWARD

I know Personalized Learning seems like "one more thing" on everyone's never ending to-do list. I promise it's not! PL is not a new initiative. The goal is to become more aware of *what you're already doing* in your classrooms and being more intentional about student ownership. The PL mentors in the district right now are focusing on the Collaboration & Cooperation and Student Reflection & Goal Setting areas of PL. WIN is a great time to practice these in your own classrooms! I am working on creating a "one-stop-shop" for PL resources and ideas that you can access as you need or want. If you have any questions or want to chat PL (or cats, chocolate, books, Taylor Swift, etc. 😉), feel free to send me an email or stop upstairs to say hi! You are all AMAZING!!