Imaginary Play & Flexible Mindsets: Building Capacity for “Learning HOW to Learn”

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TODAY’S EXPLORATION

Flexible Mindsets & “Learning HOW to Learn”

Imaginary Play & Solving Puzzles

Building a Flexible Mindsets Community
"When children are very young, they have natural curiosities about the world and explore them, trying diligently to figure out what is real. As they become ‘producers’ they fall away from exploration and start fishing for the right answers with little thought. They believe they must always be right...the believe the only good response from the teacher is ‘yes’, and that a ‘no’ is defeat.”
— John Holt, 1964

**TOP 10 SKILLS IN 2020**

- Complex Problem-Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- People Management
- Coordinating with Others
- Emotional Intelligence
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Service Orientation
- Negotiation
- Cognitive Flexibility

**FLEXIBLE MINDSETS MODEL**
What else could they try?

PRODUCTIVE PUZZLING is...
...being engrossed in a perplexing problem that is within your grasp but requires thinking and reasoning

Imaginary Play & Flexible Mindsets

8 UNITS
8 STORIES
IMAGINARY PLAY
SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES

IMAGINARY ROLES – “I CAN!”

PRODUCTIVE PUZZLING?

What questions will I ask?
What puzzle(s) will I set up?
Are the solutions in reach?
Language

Multiple Strategies
Opportunities for Reflection
Substitution - Make a Race
Support for Risk-Taking
Challenge

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1. STUDENT ENGAGEMENT: CHARACTERS

2. TEACHER MINDSETS: "I love teaching because the teacher and the students are always learning!"

3. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

UNIT #4: SHIFTING FLEXIBLY
FLUX ALLOWS THE DAY

WHAT IS IT?
Shifting flux is the capacity of two tight arrows.
A flux is an arrow which can: 
- Change with the "same" set of arrows and ways.
- Have different ways and not become tight.
- Have no flux and the pattern of flux.
- Have the same flux and matter flux.
- Have no flux but are similar.
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WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?
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WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE IN PRACTICE?
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3. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

"[I like] the fun interaction you get… and how much they are learning from asking questions."

"It helps my child to use his imagination."

"The whole series is fun and easy to make interactive. Great lessons amongst the little stories that the kids take keen interest in."

"It gives children an idea of how the brain works - keeps them entertained and wanting more."

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