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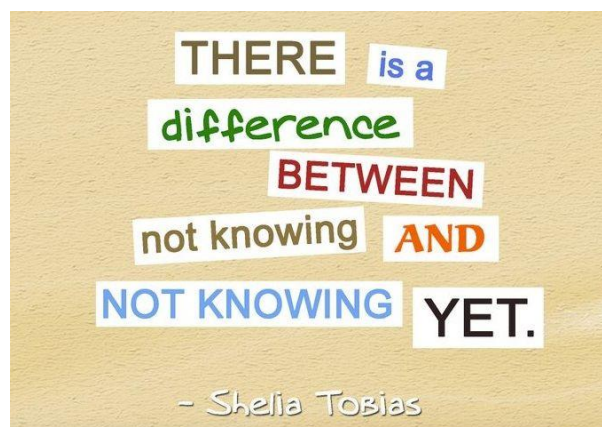
The Power of Yet!

Failure is tough. As Brock and Hundley state in The Growth Mindset Coach, “There is something so definite about failure; unlike “mistake” or “setback,” the finality of the word implies your goose is cooked. Over. Finito. Dunzo. But the word *yet*? Now that is a magical word. *Yet* conveys the promise of better things to come. *Yet* is the future saying, “Hey you! I’m right up here. Come and get me!”

When we teach this to students, we often refer to it as a super power. As a learner, you have the power to grow and develop. When we face challenges, obstacles and failures we do not simply roll over and give up. We seek these as opportunities to grow. We tell kids, it is alright not to know *YET*. However in order to make growth and progress we need to keep working hard. Students see that they are in control of their own learning and have the power to grow and develop. They didn’t fail forever, they are just not quite there *yet!*

This fall here at Zion I was working with a group of 4th graders on a complicated multiplication problem. One young man replied, “Oh man, I’m not good at my x6 facts...yet.” Without the simple word *yet*, the statement reads quite differently. “I am not good at my x6 facts” implies that it is over, done and there is nothing I can do about it. By adding the word *yet*, it changes the meaning to imply that learning is a journey that I am still traveling. I will master my x6 facts someday as long as I keep trying and practicing.

YET... three little letters with SO MUCH POWER!



Coming in January... Mistakes help me grow!