

Gifted Services

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Clarity

How should I respond when my child fails?

Failure is not fun. Whether it's failing in athletics, academics, or another area, failure feels final. But, here's the thing...it isn't.

In fact, failure is where the best learning happens. Michael Jordan once said, "I've failed over and over and over again...and that is why I succeed." Wise words from the greatest of all time that we can share to help our learners understand that even the best fail. It's how we become better, even when it isn't easy.

So, the answer to the question is, "Let them." Let them fail and help them learn from it. While it will be hard for a moment, it won't last forever and the learning experience will be well worth the struggle and frustration.

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Community

Find an expert in the community that does work that your learner is interested in. Ask them if they would mind being interviewed or just sharing their learning journey. Set up a time to connect in person or via Zoom and allow your gifted learner to ask questions and learn from someone that doing something that they would like to do someday.

Content

As we near the end of the school year, we should check in our our goals. Are we ready to meet them? Keep working hard and enjoy the learning journey!

Challenge

Challenge your learner to create a board game for the family to play. Don't give them any instructions other than "have fun" and see what they design. Set aside time for the family to play the board game together and share their feedback regarding the design.

Hint: Use an empty pizza box or poster for the "board"