MISTAKES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF LEARNING

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No matter how fair and reasonable your expectations, a child is going to make mistakes as he is learning. They are part of the process; they go with the territory. One of our roles as loco parentis is to talk with our pupils about mistakes and not reaching one’s goal, about something “wrong”. We all fail to get the right answers sometimes, to say the right thing, to win a ball game, or just to write a clear sentence.

Explain to our pupils that mistakes actually help us learn. We learn by reflecting on the feedback we receive on the feedback we receive. If that feedback we receive. Feedbacks are important so that mistakes can correct immediately. What matters most is we want our pupils’ willingness to try again or try a different approach - one that might work better for him – in order to achieve the desired results. Flexibility is a very important learning tool.

Our pupils must always remember often that mistakes are part of learning. If you make no mistakes, because something is too easy, then you are not dealing with anything new, and you are simply wasting your time. It is actually important for our pupils to make mistakes - not a lot, but yes, once in a while, so that he knows what it is like to miss the mark, and how to come back and try again. The possibility of making errors is something we must all deal with constantly, and it will be less painful if the situation is not completely new.

As teachers, we want our pupils to be comfortable trying new things. Help them see that only by risking failure do they also stand a chance of succeeding, gaining, learning something new. Encourage curiosity, experimentation, and risk-taking. They are valuable and worthwhile qualities to nurture.

Be sure our pupils know that while you expect them always to do their best, you also realize they are not perfect. No one is. There is no reason to pretend that we as adults are perfect and infallible. Children learn a great deal from seeing us recognize our imperfections, admit our mistakes, and work on correcting them.
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