

# STRIVING FOR ACCURACY



teaching kids to meet quality standards

## WHAT IS IT?

“To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.”

- Steven Prefontaine

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Striving for accuracy is about always doing your best work. Meeting high standards allows students to take pride in their work. Adopting the habit of striving for accuracy encourages students to remain open to continuous learning and their own improvement. By striving for accuracy, students are embracing a growth mindset, too!

## WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

- Checking your work again
- Always doing your best work (not giving the easiest or quickest answer)
- Finding ways to improve
- Paying attention to expectations and standards set for you
- Meeting (or exceeding!) the criteria
- Setting high standards for yourself (setting and reaching goals)

# how you can help your child



## 1 TEACH YOUR CHILD A PROCESS

Work together on a process such as baking, origami, or a science experiment. Cooking and baking both require accuracy and precision to get the tasty results you desire. To achieve the desired results of a science experiment or for origami to turn out correctly, accuracy and precision are necessary as well.

## HELP YOUR CHILD MASTER A TASK 2

Use any opportunity to help your child master something new. Help your child learn his/her multiplication and division facts. Practice quick addition and subtraction drills. To get these right requires precision and accuracy, and mastery will only help your child later on.

## 3 MAKE A CHECKLIST

Help your child make a checklist of the necessary steps before completing a task such as cleaning his/her room. Paying attention to the "success criteria" will help your child focus on the expectations he/she has to make. When the task is complete, the checklist will also allow your child to double-check his/her work independently.

## USE A DAILY PLANNER 4

Accuracy and precision require time management. In addition to tasks being done neatly and completely, they also must be passed in on time. Make sure your child clearly records his/her assignments and due dates in their assignment book in the correct spot.

## 5 REMEMBER: ERRORS ARE PART OF THE PROCESS

Make sure that while you encourage your child to do things carefully and consistently, errors and mistakes are inevitable. In fact, these errors and mistakes are what will help your child use his/her skills to check for accuracy and learn along the way. While you instill a sense of pride for precision in your child, steer away from perfectionism. Your child's best is unique and perfect in itself!

## BOOKS THAT TEACH STRIVING FOR ACCURACY

- Max Cleans Up by Rosemary Wells
- Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- Nancy Drew series by Caroline Keene
- The A+ Custodian by Louise Borden
- Strega Nona by Tomie dePaolo
- Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald Sobol

