



# LIGHTNING LITERACY

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## SPOTLIGHT ON GROWTH MINDSET



The Power of "YET." The concept of "Not yet" comes from Carol Dweck's Growth Mindset philosophy where students' mistakes are viewed as learning opportunities to improve. Instead of seeing "Fail," students may realize they don't understand YET, but will soon.

### Mrs. Porco, Academic Team 8 Social Studies/Science Teacher, Highlights Famous Failures



The sixth-graders in team 8 have recently finished up their Famous Failures project. This activity combines reading, math, and social skills to highlight the great achievements of people who may have been considered a failure at one point in their life. In addition to the reading and math components addressed in the project, students were encouraged to focus on seeing the potential in everyone to do something great.

The idea for famous failures comes from the Growth Mindset Philosophy where mistakes and setbacks are viewed as a valuable learning opportunity. Instead of allowing students to feel inadequate or feel like giving up is the only resolution, Growth Mindset teaches that failure is necessary to experience success.

### MOCK NEWBERRY CLUB CORNER

Mock Newbery Club will have our final meeting on Wednesday, February 28 after school, because the real Newbery Medal winners have been announced.

We'll be watching the ALA awards ceremony, and seeing if any of our choices was the winner. We heard a rumor that an underdog took the gold medal!



### BMS LITERACY NIGHT

Save the date for our BMS Literacy Carnival night, Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Join us for games, food, and family fun!



### BMS LIBRARY BLAST

#### Google Bot Battle

Google Bot Battle winners have been announced! Homeroom 212, Mrs. Riggerbach, was the best at evaluating database results. Homeroom 201, Mrs. Bell, was the best at selecting expert results using Google. Each homeroom received the Google Bot trophy and a prize. The third nine weeks competition has already begun!



#### March Madness

The March Madness Book Tournament begins on March 1! We've named the Top 64 Books at BMS, and we'll be voting in library class to narrow it down to the top book of the year on March 31. Each homeroom will complete a bracket in advance, naming their best guess for the winner. Prizes will go to the 5th and 6th grade homerooms with the best brackets!



### LITERACY AT HOME

#### PSSA Preparation

The PSSA reading test is just a little over a month away! Here at school, teachers and students are busy preparing for the test. As we mentioned in January's issue, it is also important to start preparing at home as well.

Each month leading up to the test, resources will be suggested that provide the tools to help build the fundamental skills students need to be successful on the PSSA. This month's feature is a free website for students who want to have fun learning! This website is also for parents who are looking for constructive activities to help their child become academically successful.

#### Directions:

1. Go to [https://www.internet4classrooms.com/grade\\_level\\_home.htm](https://www.internet4classrooms.com/grade_level_home.htm)
2. Select a grade level on the left hand side
3. Click skill builder and choose Language Arts
4. Click on preferred skill and choose an activity