The Spiral of Success: Learning

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In our continuing adventure story, this week Clever Beaver introduces Kelly and her companions to the secrets of learning. Lost in the Forest of Confusion, the group finds Clever Beaver working on a beaver dam. How, they wondered, could a little beaver build so large a structure? Clever Beaver's answer to their inquiry, "One stick at a time," leads them to learn that any large task is manageable if taken one step at a time.

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For a second secret of learning, Clever Beaver encourages them to learn from their mistakes instead of fearing them. Using this principle, the group marks the trail and learns from every mistake to take another path out of the maze-like Forest of Confusion. On the edge of the forest, they find the second piece of the golden spiral of Success on which is written: Learning.

Suggestions for the week:

- 1. Children find excitement in learning, rather than disappointment in their imperfection, when they are encouraged to learn from their mistakes. When mistakes occur remind them mistakes are for learning.
- 2. Follow up after the mistake has occurred by asking, "What will you do differently next time? Or "What did you learn from your mistake?"

Sincerely,

Mrs. Zadorozny & The Grade 2 Team Child Development Advisor