GROWTH MINDSET

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GENERATE HYPOTHESIS

TEST HYPOTHESIS

Your goal: THINK LIKE A SCIENTIST

BE CURIOUS

GET RESULT

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THINKING LIKE A SCIENTIST

This primarily means

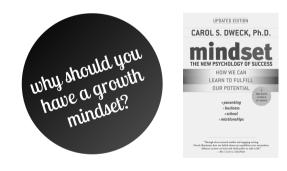
cultivating

curiosity

Many teachers advocate for a

growth mindset

which is the idea that intellect is not fixed. Through effort and learning, one can become smarter and do better. You can read more in the book *mindset* by Dr. Carol Dweck.



A FOCUS ON **EFFORT IMPROVES PERFORMANCE**

When teachers praised intelligence, math scores went down. When teachers praised effort, math **scores went up.** Some characteristics of a **growth mindset:**

View **mistakes** ^{as} learning opportunities

Take **feedback** as constructive

Approach **learning** ^{as} ultimate goal

Recognize **ability** can **be developed**

your wellbeing is most important

Research should be challenging and require grit, but should not be overly stressful. If you are feeling overwhelmed, unwell, or if a personal situation is impacting your ability to do research, please reach out to your advisor.