

Showing Your Students *How to Take Risks in Their Learning* When They Are at Home

As teachers, we know that deep learning involves struggling to understand a new skill or concept. If there is no struggle, it means that we already know the skill or concept and that we are practicing what we know—not learning something new. But this idea is hard to get across to our students. They don't like the uncomfortable feeling of not knowing. That's why many students are scared to challenge themselves. Thus, we need to help them to take risks, especially in their learning. We can do this by showing them how to go above and beyond the given assignment.

Encourage them to take a risk by thinking about the following questions:

- What learning goal could I set for myself that would challenge me?
- What is my plan to achieve this learning goal?
- Where do I think I will struggle and what is my plan to persevere?
- How does taking risks in my learning challenge me as a learner?

So, we suggest that you periodically include this **"Own It!"** information as a part of the support you send home to your students. Share ideas with them about how to challenge themselves.

Own It! True learning happens you own your learning. Use this information to help you challenge yourself and your learning. Taking risks in your learning lets you be in control. This allows you to own your learning. Own your learning by deciding:

- ▶ One learning goal I could set for myself is...
- ▶ My plan to achieve this learning goal includes...
- ▶ I might struggle when...
- ▶ I will persevere when I am struggling by...
- ▶ Taking risks in my learning challenges me by...

Learning at home is important, but educators can't do it alone. We need to ensure that the students are motivated to be active participants in their own learning and that families and caregivers are empowered to support their children in their learning.

We can do this by clearly sharing the:

- **"Own It"** information.
- Student resource for **"How to Take Risks in Your Learning When You Are at Home"** with each and every student.
- Family resource for **"Supporting Your Child in How to Take Risks in Their Learning When They Are at Home"** with each and every caregiver.