Facing Failures

Dear Family Partner,

We are learning about how failures can provide opportunities. Instead of letting failures defeat us, we can learn and grow from our failures.

I hope you enjoy this activity with me. It will help me see how others can grow from their failures. This assignment is due ________________________.

Thank you,
__________________________________
(Student Signature)

OBJECTIVE

Students will tell about their family member’s stories of failure turning into stories of determination and opportunity.

MATERIALS

Markers, crayons, or colored pencils, and a blank sheet of paper (if you illustrate the stories).
Pen or pencil (if you describe the stories).

PROCEDURE

Family Interview

1. Find a family member to interview.
   Who is it? _________________________________

2. Ask:
   What was one time that you failed at something? What happened first? Second?
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   What was the lesson that you learned? Or How did this failure turn into an opportunity?
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Your Turn
You may either write a paragraph describing your family partner’s story or you may draw their story.

Please select which option you would like to complete:

I will write a paragraph ______
I will draw the story ______

**WRITING OPTION**

Rewrite your family partner’s story in your own words. Be sure to put the events in order, include meaningful details, and include the lesson learned at the end of the story.

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**DRAWING OPTION**

Draw a picture of your family partner’s story. You can either create a comic or a single picture from the story.

**DISCUSSION**

Share your picture or paragraph with your family partner. Then discuss how you felt when your family partner told this story. Are there any times in your life when you faced a similar situation? How will you and your family partner grow from this experience?

**HOME TO SCHOOL CONNECTION**

Dear Family Partner,
Please give me your reactions to your child’s work on this activity.
Check Yes or No for each statement.
Yes NO
___ ___ 1. My child understood the homework and was able to talk about it.
___ ___ 2. My child enjoyed the activity.
___ ___ 3. This assignment helped me know what my child is learning in Leadership
Any other comments: __________________________________________________________
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Family Partner Signature: ____________________________________________

Thank you for your participation,