

A Disclaimer...

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Be Patient



**The teaching and learning
of mathematics is a long
game.**



Go Slow To Go Fast



The Teaching and Learning of Mathematics is NOT About Right Answers





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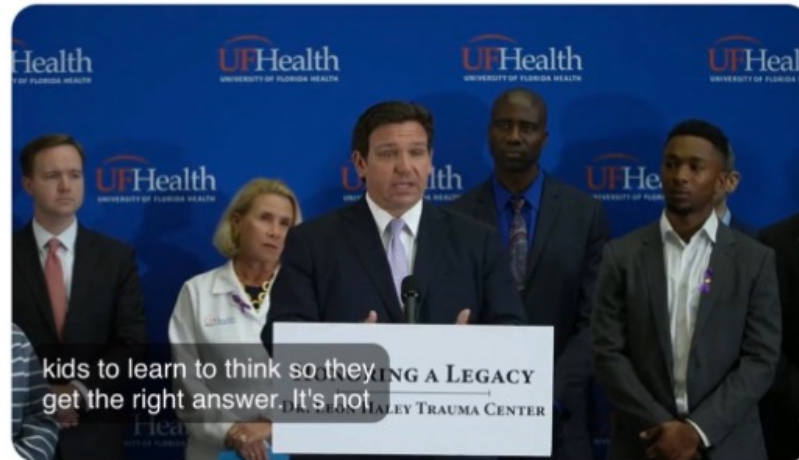
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Math is about getting the right answer,
not about feelings or ideologies.
In Florida, we will be educating our
children, not indoctrinating them.



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When my students are learning
mathematics, the answer is less
critical.

It only tells me one thing.

How a student arrives at that
answer tells me LOTS of things.



Listen



How Do We Become Better Listeners?

- Ask questions you don't know the answer to
- Get away from the board
- Allow for more student talk
- Provide pause



Writing Instruction



**It's about the writer, not
the piece of writing.**

**It's about the
mathematician, not the
math problem.**



**It's about the writer, not
the piece of writing.**

**It's about the
MATHER, not the math
problem.**



Forgive





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KEIRA: I don't want to do this today.

ME: Well, this is what we are doing.

KEIRA: Okay {Begrudgingly goes back to her seat}

A few minutes later...

KEIRA: I don't want to do this today.



What would you say and/or
do?



KEIRA: I don't want to do this today.

ME: Well, this is what we are doing.

KEIRA: Okay {Begrudgingly goes back to her seat}

A few minutes later...

KEIRA: I don't want to do this today.

ME: Keira, you told me that, but this is what we are doing. Can you please get to work?



The next day...





THANK YOU!

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