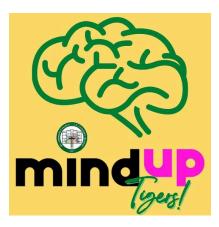
## February/March Communication & MindUP for Life

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## Parent Resources

Article Link: Carol Dweck Growth & Fixed Mindset

Podcast or YouTube Recommendation: Developing a Growth Mindset, Carol Dweck

**Book Recommendation:** Mindset: The New Psychology of Success

Hello Cosgriff Families, on January 23rd the Cosgriff faculty participated in the next MindUP training, *Mindful* Awareness through Senses. Anything that comes from the outside to the inside of our brain goes through our senses. When practicing mindfulness through our senses we become more mindful overall. We become less reactive and more present. When you take time to process new input from senses it engages the prefrontal cortex and helps the brain experience a time interval between immediate reaction and conscious thinkina.

Thank you, Raquel Austin, MindUP Trainer



## **GROWTH MINDSET**

Dr. Carol Dweck and her colleagues at Stanford University studied the mindsets of children and then identified two different types – Growth and Fixed mindsets.

Growth mindset occurs when we believe our intelligence and abilities can be improved upon with effort and the right strategies. A willingness to confront challenges, a passion for learning and viewing failure as a springboard for growth are all characteristics associated with a growth mindset. Not surprisingly, this type of mindset is strongly linked to greater happiness and achievement in life. In contrast, those with a fixed mindset believe their intelligence and abilities cannot be altered in a meaningful way. As a result, mistakes are often seen as failures rather than opportunities to grow and learn. When stuck in a fixed mindset, we may fear new experiences, avoid risks, and feel the need to repeatedly prove ourselves over and over

## **GROWTH MINDSET & MINDUP**

With MindUP children of all ages learn about their brain and how it works. MindUP is a program based on neuroscience research. Students learn how their brains function. It also teaches children the skills and knowledge they need to regulate their stress and emotions, form positive relationships, and act with kindness and compassion. Having a growth mindset helps students to achieve more resilience, value practice and helps them to not be afraid of a challenge. Research shows having a growth mindset can improve children's progress and attainment. With MindUP we are teaching our students that they can grow their brains and mindset.



SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE IS THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS STRETCHING THEMSELVES TO LEARN NEW THINGS."

Carol S. Dweck

Fixed	vs	Growh
ability is static		ability is developed
avoids challenges	3	embraces challenges
gives up easily		persists in obstacles
sees effort as fruitless	-	sees effort as necessary
ignores useful criticism	0	learns from criticism
threatened by others	00	inspired by others' succes