



BE COOL TO YOUR SCHOOL

Let mistakes guide you to the right path.

A group of kids encounters a series of setbacks as they try to raise money for a school field trip. Warren encourages them to eliminate what didn't work and focus on what did until the best path ahead is determined. Before long, the group achieves their goal and ultimately forms the Secret Millionaires Club.

Ask kids: Describe a time when you tried to do something and it didn't work. What went wrong? What did you learn from the experience? Did you try it again? If so, what did you do differently?

Encourage kids to overcome obstacles to follow their dreams. Despite several unsuccessful business attempts, the kids didn't let failure stand in their way. They were motivated, creative, and willing to take risks. Together with your child, make a list of other qualities the group exhibited. Discuss how those traits are important for success in both business and everyday life.

Activities:

1. To help save their field trip, the kids came up with several business ideas based on their interests. Tell your child to imagine starting a business. Brainstorm some ideas. Ask: What are your interests or hobbies? *Animals? Computers? Sports? Music? Writing Stories? Being Outdoors? Making Crafts?* Challenge your child to come up a business that builds on those interests and talents. For example, someone who likes to be outdoors could start a gardening business. Someone who likes sports could coach younger kids. Or someone who makes jewelry could sell it. Develop a name for the business to help sell the product or service and decide how to market and advertise it.
2. In his speech, Warren tells students, "See your future. Be your future." Draw a path on a sheet of paper. Invite your child to draw pictures on the path of dreams and goals for the future. Discuss how best to achieve those goals. Relate an experience from your own life where you learned from a mistake that help set you on the right course.

Tip: Don't let fear of failure prevent your child from trying new things. Provide positive reinforcement when your child tries something new, such as auditioning for a school play or building a volcano for a science experiment. Celebrate the success and discuss what was done to reach the goal.

