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Creating a Safe and Inviting Space for All Students

Your Classroom Environment: Creating a Safe and Inviting Space for All Students



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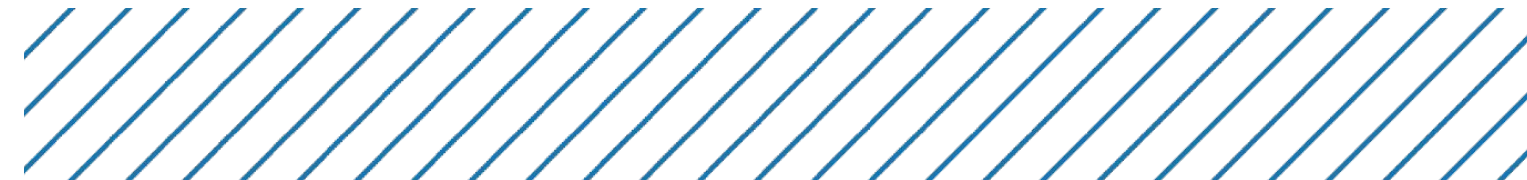
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AGENDA

- Introduction
- Practical Ideas for Common Spaces
- Practical Ideas for the Classroom
- Support from EVERFI

Introduction



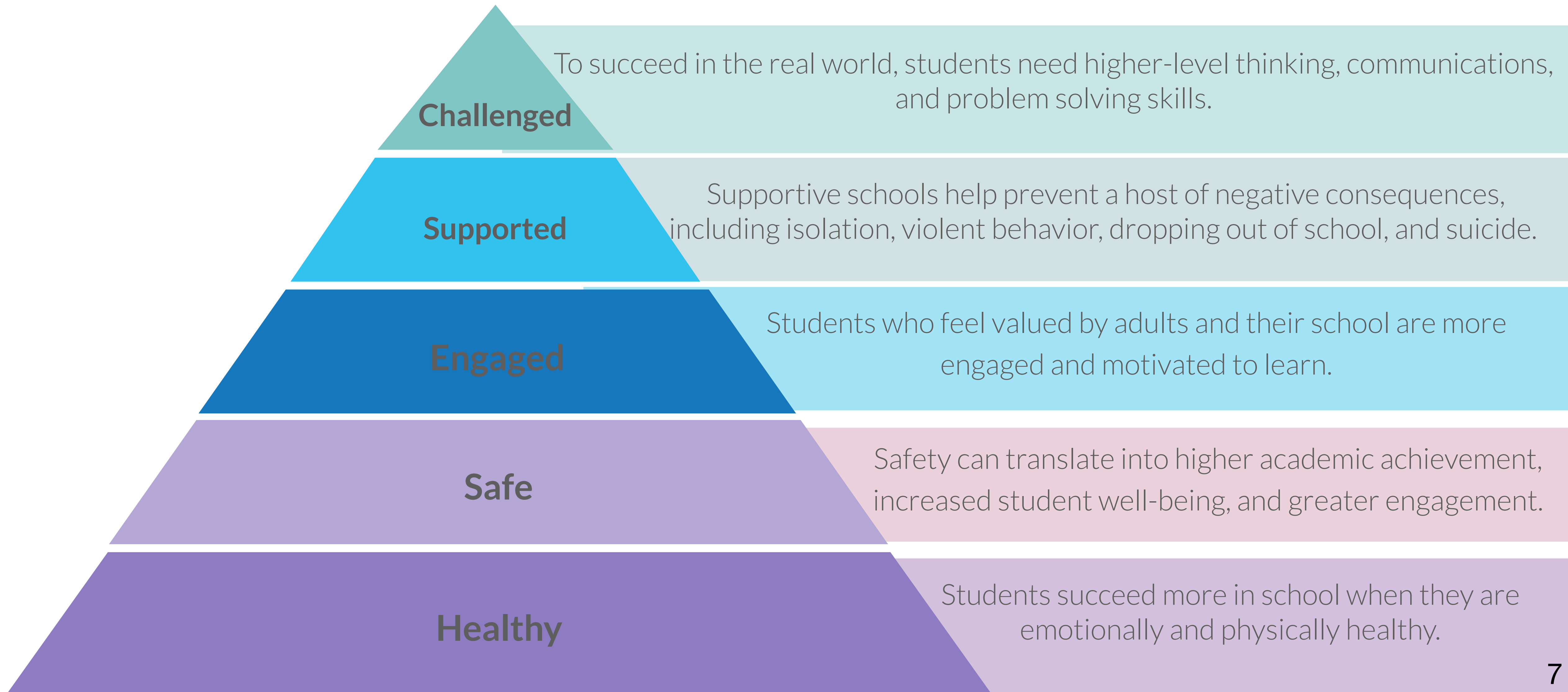
Why SEL?

- Close achievement gaps and motivate students to learn (1)
- Reduce disciplinary issues (3)
- Increase overall sense of wellbeing (2)
- Prepare students for lifelong success, including healthier relationships and ability to achieve long-term professional goals (3)

¹ <http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/docserver/download/9615011e.pdf?expires=1489688517&id=id&accname=guest&checksum=39E4DA5F6054397F8E3A8E1883AD76A> OECD (2015), *Skills for Social Progress: The Power of Social and Emotional Skills*, OECD Publishing, Paris. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/9789264226159-en>, ² Zins, J. E., Weissberg, R. P., Wang, M. C., & Walberg, H. J. (Eds.). (2004). *Building academic success on social and emotional learning: What does the research say?* New York: Teachers College Press. ³ Weissbourd, Rick, and Stephanie Jones. "The children we mean to raise: The real messages adults are sending about values." *Making Caring Common Project*, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University (2014).



Core Competencies of Whole Child





Practical Ideas for Common Spaces

Stephanie DeYoung



Welcoming

- Greeting students as they walk in
- Upon leaving I say, “Have a great day!”
- Hanging out in my office to chat or chill
- Small talk that can lead to making great connections



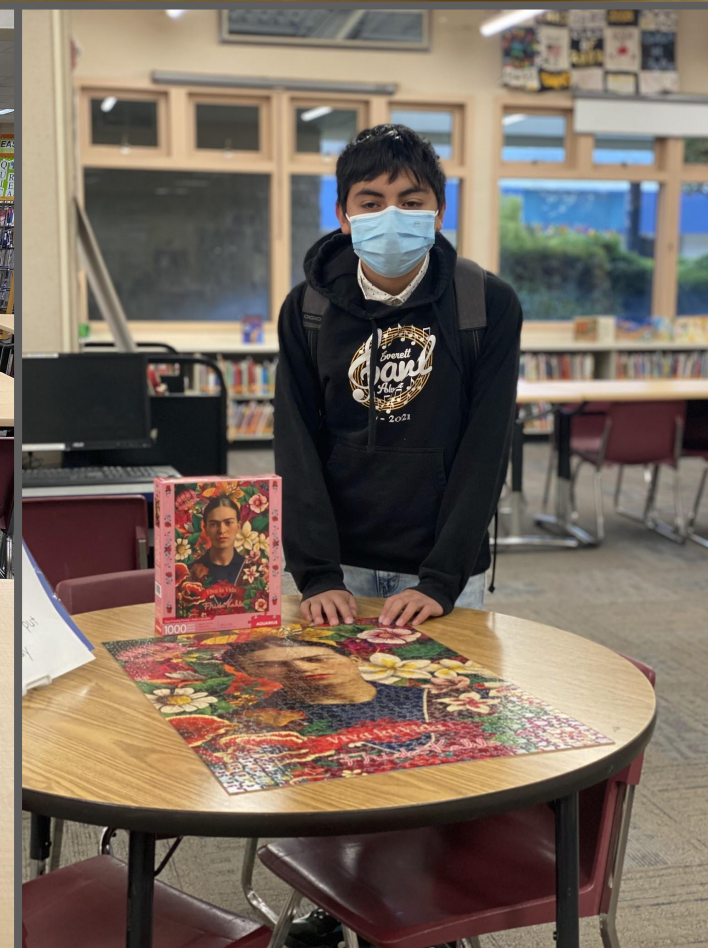
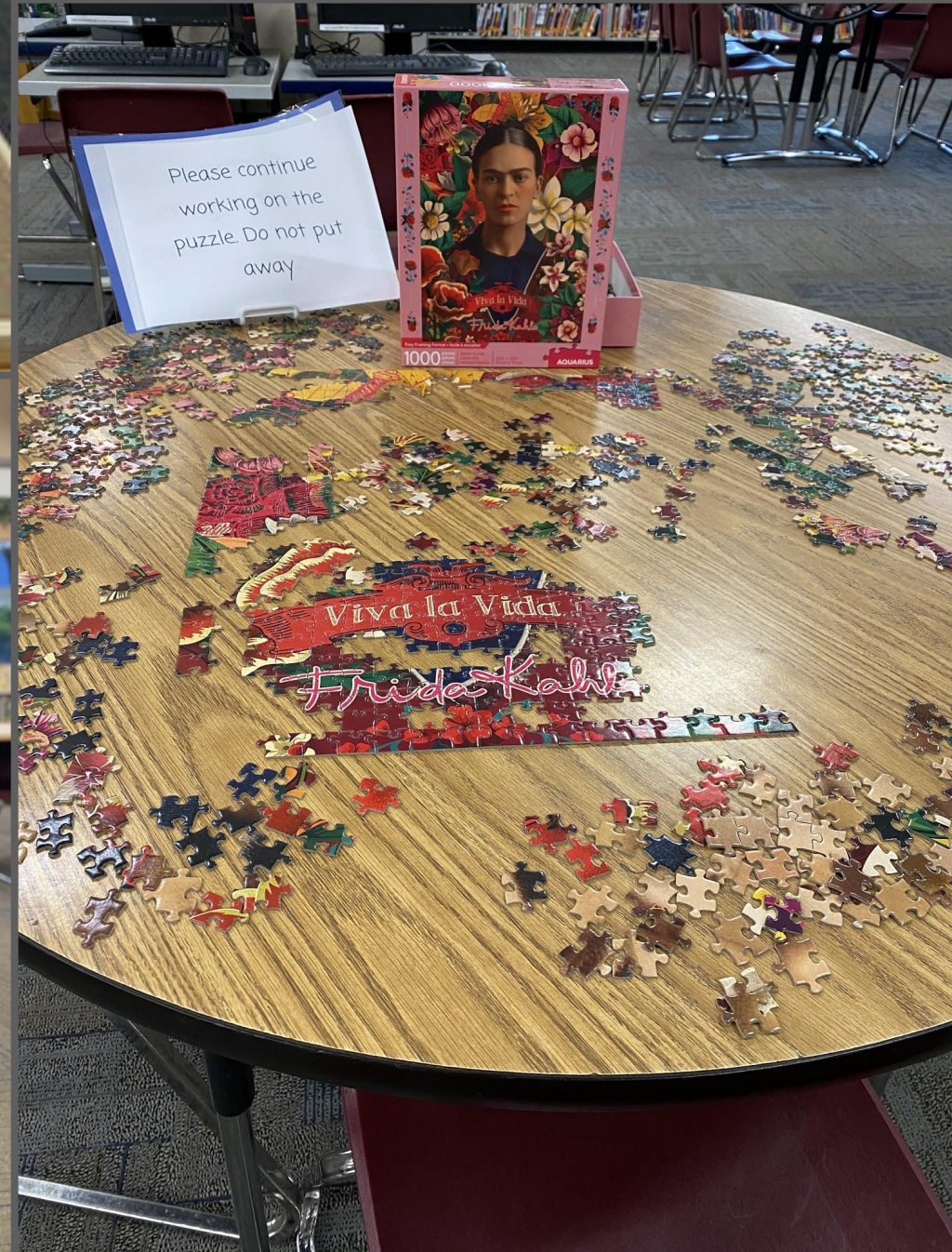
Inviting

- Comfortable seating a place to hang out
- Open door office



Engaging

- Puzzles
- Origami
- Coloring pages



Representative

- Art
- Display boards
- Books, Book displays





Connected

YOUR IMPACT ON OTHER PEOPLE

is bigger than you think. Someone still giggles when they think of that funny thing you said. Someone still smiles when they think of the compliment you gave them. Someone silently admires you. The advice you give has made a difference for people. The support and love you've offered others has made someone's day. Your input and opinions have made someone think twice. You're not insignificant and forgotten. Your existence makes a positive difference, whether you see it or not.

Compassionate Reminders



tinybuddha.com





Practical Ideas for the Classroom

Megan Wright



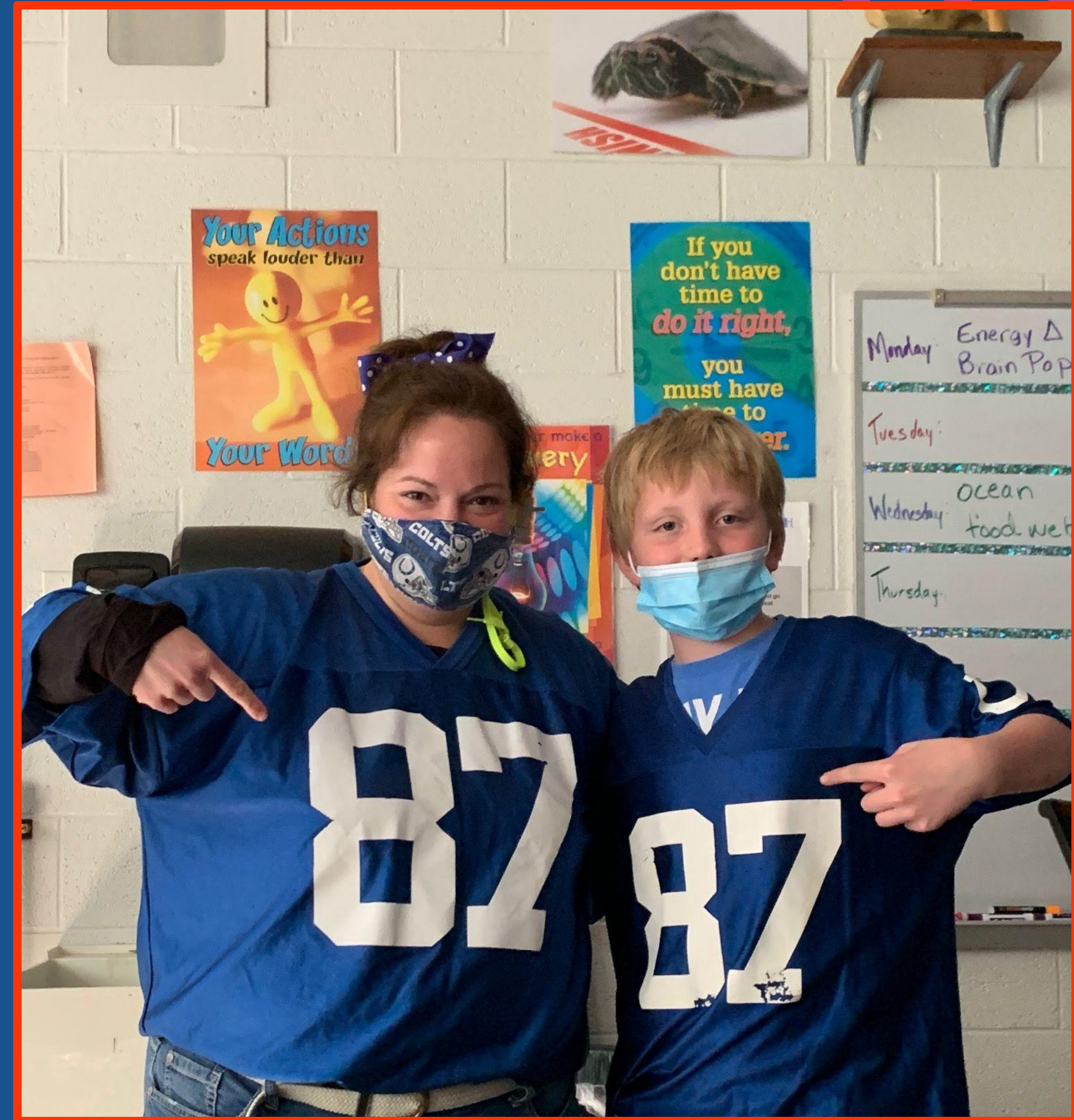
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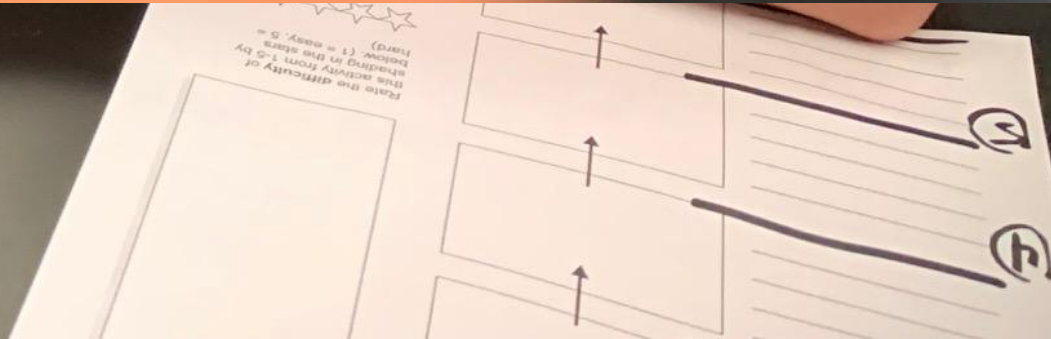
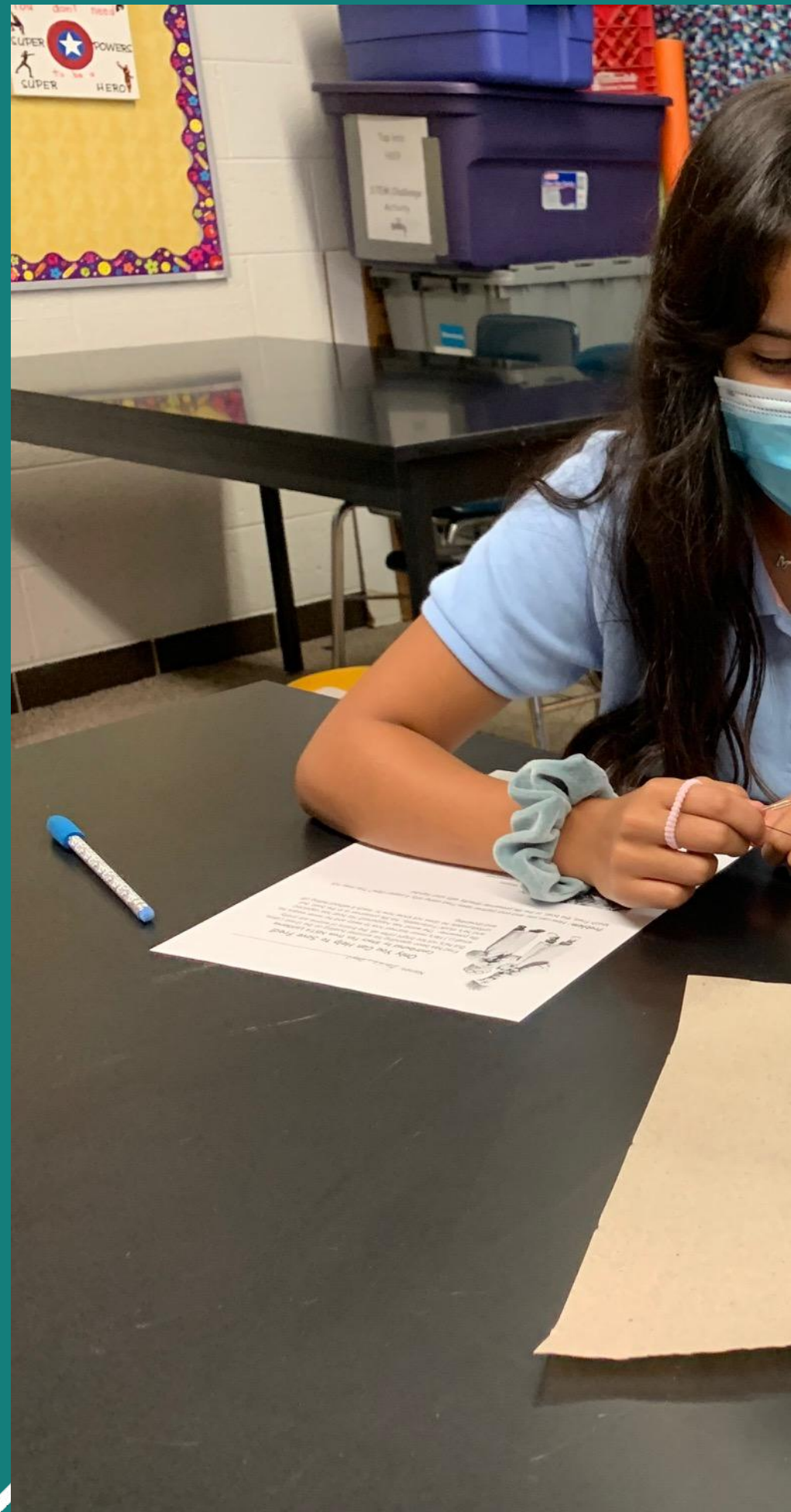
- Get to know me
- Collaborative Learning
- Non-academic activities
- We learn through our mistakes



Get to Know Me

- Family
- Hobbies
- Favorites
 - (sports, ice cream, book, etc.)







- Pets
- Game outside
- Kagan silly sports





Support from EVERFI



Accessibility

At EVERFI, accessibility is an imperative. We have a unique opportunity to positively impact the lives of people with disabilities by deeply integrating accessibility into all aspects of our organizational culture. Our courses are:

- Developed to be Inclusive of all learners
- Designed to provide empathetic and innovative learner experiences
- Built to meet accessibility standards across most desktop, tablet, and mobile devices

Other Information:

- Build toward WCAG 2.1 Level AA
- Usability testing performed by people with disabilities
- Audits performed and VPATs created by 3rd party accessibility specialists
- VoiceOver, NVDA, JAWS and ChromeVox screen readers are supported

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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Access

Character Design

- Culturally diverse characters
- Various skin tones, hair textures, body shapes
- LGBTQIA+ representation
- Authentic voiceover

Narrative

- Varied career experience
- Knowledge from many genders
- Portraying multiple industries

Additional Considerations

- Avoid idioms
- User Testing
- Spanish Translation
- Accessibility Testing



Increasing Student Engagement



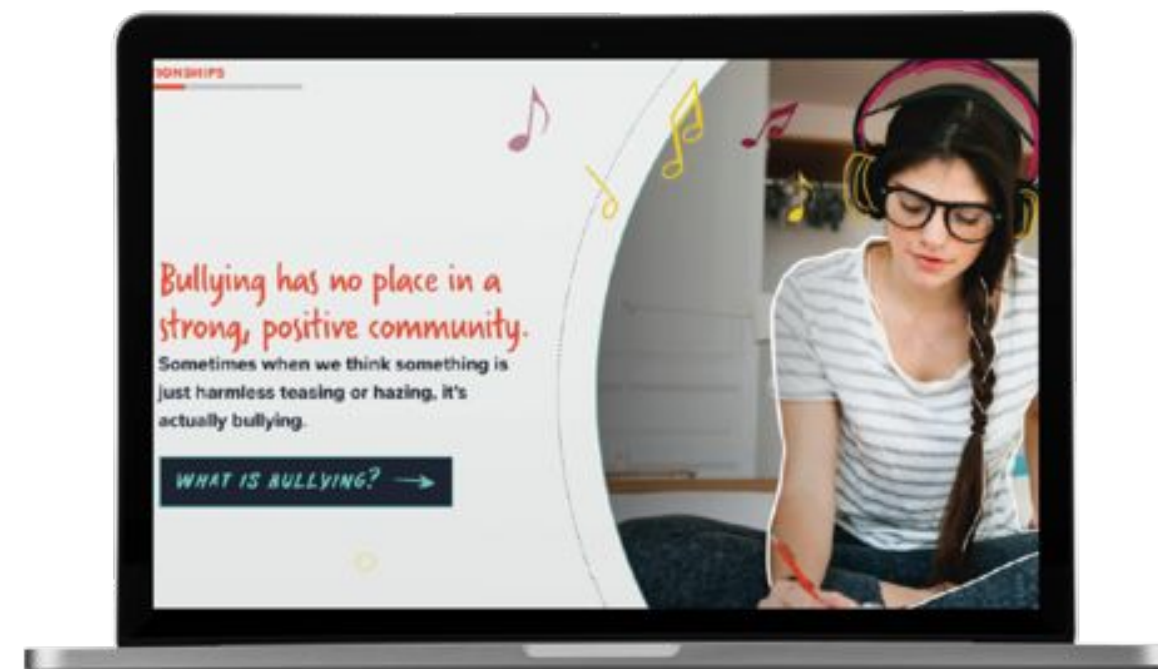
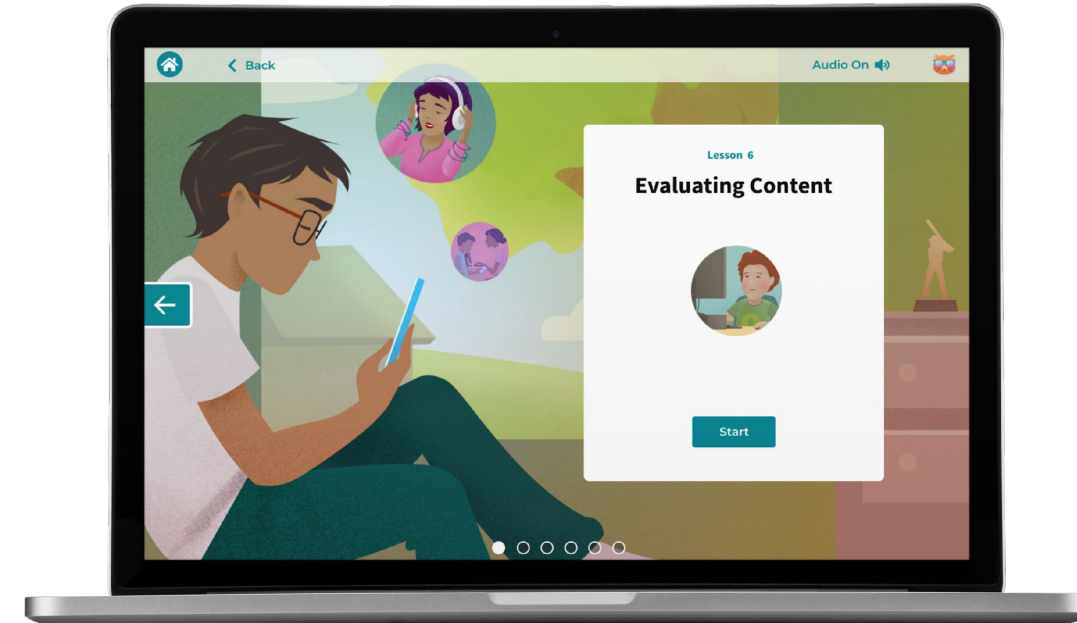
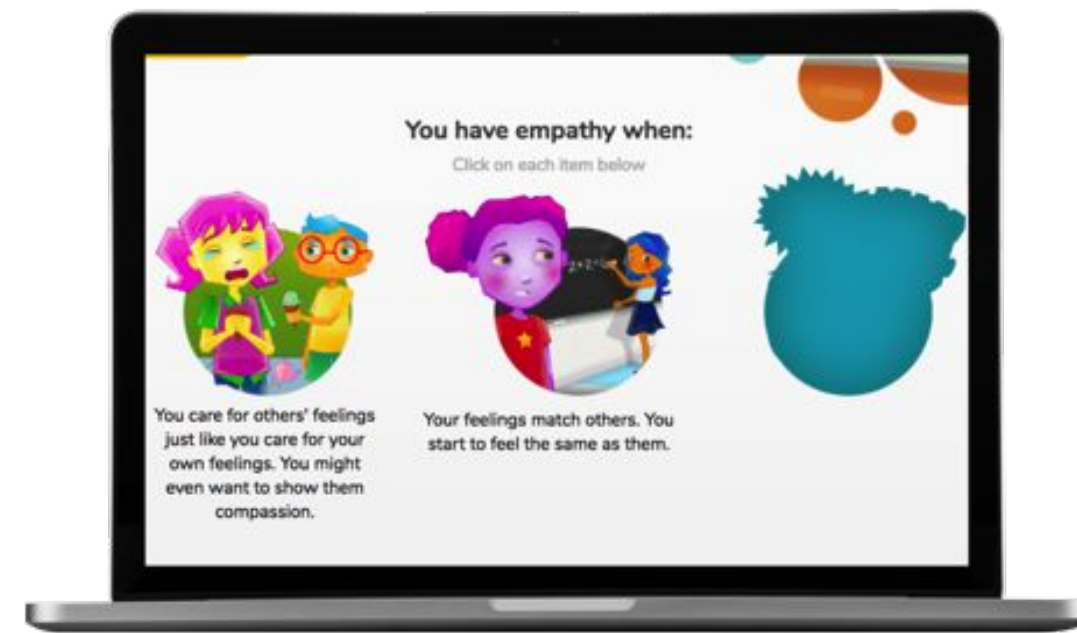
“I just wanted to share a quick story from one of my classroom launches this week in Louisville. As a 3rd grader was working on The Compassion Project, he ripped off his head phones and screamed "Mrs. Jennings! This character's name is Amir! My name is Amir!" with the biggest smile on his face.”

-KY Schools Manager

90% of participants in a First Book Study agreed: “Individuals would be more enthusiastic readers if they had access to books with characters & stories that reflect their lives.”

Financial Education	STEM & Career Readiness	Social Emotional Learning	Health & Wellness	Early Academic Readiness	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Vault Understanding Money Grades 4-6	Future Goals Hockey Scholar Math Edition Grades 4-7	The Compassion Project: Lower Elementary Grades 2-3	Healthier Me Nutrition & Wellness Grades 1-4 & Grades 6-8	WORD Force A Literacy Adventure Grades K-2	BINAH: Building Insights to Navigate Antisemitism & Hate Grades 9-12
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Social Emotional Learning



The Compassion Project Lower & Upper Elementary

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Ignition: Digital Wellness & Safety

Grades 6-9

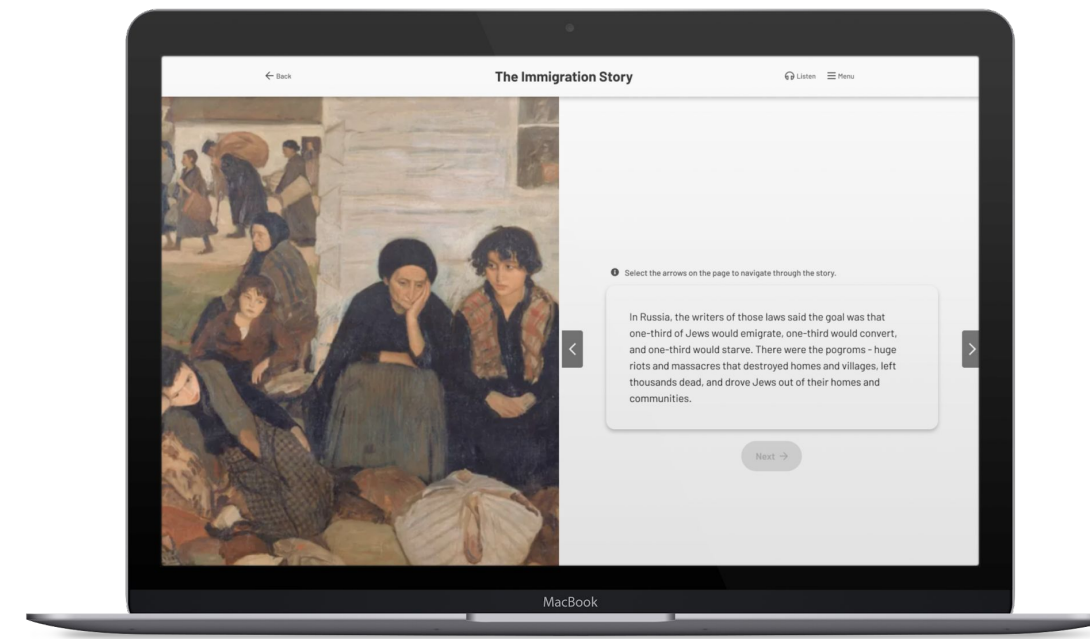
Character Playbook

Grades 7-9

Honor Code: Bullying Prevention

Grades 8-10

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Resources



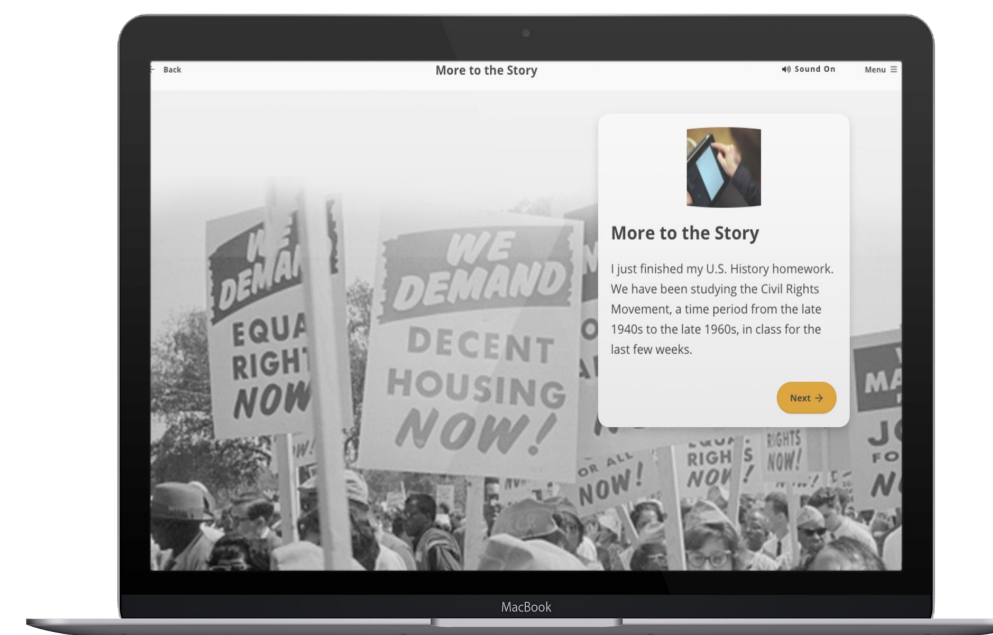
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Grades 8-12



306: Continuing the Story

Grades 8-12

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