GRADE Lesson 14: Managing Disappointment

Lesson Concepts

- Negative self-talk can make strong feelings even stronger.
- You can calm down by using positive self-talk.
- Setting a new goal and making a plan to achieve it are positive ways to handle disappointment.

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Generate positive self-talk they can use to calm down in response to scenarios
- Make a simple three-step plan to achieve a goal in response to scenarios

Why This Lesson Matters

In this lesson, students learn how to use positive self-talk to calm themselves during disappointment, a common stressor for children. Positive self-talk can effectively engage the thinking part of the brain in emotional situations, while negative self-talk can escalate emotions and decrease students' self-control. Students should identify and practice words and phrases that work for them so that positive self-talk comes easily when needed.

Before the Lesson

Share the lesson handout with students.

After the Lesson

Have students complete the following prompt:

What's one thing you would like to achieve this week? Write out a three-part plan that will help you achieve that goal.

Following Through

Use these strategies to reinforce lesson concepts throughout the week.

- Have the students rewatch the "Calm It Down Dance" video.
- Have the students complete the <u>lesson handout</u>.

See the lesson Following Through Card for more ideas about how to build on key lesson concepts.

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