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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start! We are firm believers in the power of the **growth mindset** and we approach each year with the belief that ALL students are capable of learning and growth.

What is **growth mindset**?

- A belief that intelligence and ability are **not** fixed traits or that we are born with only so much of them.
- A belief that with effort and perseverance ALL students are capable of academic achievement.

Every day, your student will be immersed in the growth mindset at Liberty Elementary School. They will be asked to take educational risks. They will be praised for approaching the process of learning with grit and determination. They will grow in ways they never thought possible.

But, these messages cannot only come from us here at school. We are asking for your help. How can you help? You can value growth and improvement in your home. The most important thing is that we see students grow and we encourage progress in your student's abilities.

Here are some things you can do to promote **growth mindset** in your home:

- Encourage your child to take risks and tackle new challenges at school.
- Praise your child not for the ease with which he or she learns a new concept but for the amount of effort put into learning it.
- Emphasize perseverance and effort in extracurricular activities. For example, "I'm proud of how much effort you put into that basketball game."

We hope you'll commit to joining us on this growth mindset journey. We cannot do it without your help!

Thank you so much for all your support and we look forward to a great year!

With thanks,

Liberty Elementary School

