

BE COOL TO YOUR SCHOOL

Let mistakes guide you to
the right path.

A group of kids encounters a series of setbacks as it tries to raise money for a school field trip. Warren encourages the group to eliminate what didn't work and focus on what did until the best path ahead is determined. Before long, the group achieves its 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 SMC kids didn't let failure stand in their way. They were motivated, creative, and willing to take risks. Together with kids in the club, 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 SMC kids came up with business ideas based on their interests. Tell your kids 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 kids (individually or in groups of 2–4) to come up with a business that builds on their interests and talents. For example, someone who likes to be outdoors could start a gardening business. Someone who likes sports could coach younger kids. Have kids develop a business name to help sell the product or service and decide how to market and advertise it. Then, encourage kids to enter the “Grow Your Own Business Challenge”!
2. In his speech, Warren tells students, “See your future. Be your future.” Have kids draw a path and include pictures of their dreams and goals for the future. Discuss how best to achieve those goals. Relate an experience from your life that helped set you on the right path.

Tip: Don't let fear of failure prevent kids from trying new things. Ask kids to share some new things they've tried in the last month or so, such as auditioning for a school play or building a volcano for a science experiment. Provide positive reinforcement by celebrating the courage it takes to try something new and discussing steps that can be taken to strengthen future ventures.

