Using Data and Goal Setting to Build Classroom Communities and Improve Students' Learning

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School Facts

• One of twenty-seven schools in Schaumburg School District 54 with kindergarten through sixth grade, located twenty-five miles west of Chicago.

• Our school serves 540 of the 14,000 students in the district.

• Our population continues to diversify, we began to question, “What can we do to ensure success for EACH student?”
Why and How Goal Setting Works

• Why?
  - Increases motivation which leads to achievement
  - Enables teachers and students to track and assess progress on assessments

• How?
  - Move From Concrete to Abstract
    • Introduce through read aloud and discussion
    • Set a classroom goal
    • Have students set individual goals
    • Share and reflect multiple times in a school year
Celebration and Reflection
"Write it down. Written goals have a way of transferring wishes into wants; can'ts into cans; dreams into plans; and plans into reality. Don't just think it - INK IT!" - Author Unknown