



LISTENING GUIDE: KNOWLEDGE BUILDERS

Episode #3 - Every Voice Counts in Creating New Knowledge

About the Series:

This podcast series explores Knowledge Building pedagogy and the 12 foundational principles that support innovation and knowledge creation in classrooms. We will follow a classroom engaged in Knowledge Building work, and hear from the teacher how he inspires and supports this ideas-driven classroom. Students' thoughts, experiences and reflections will illustrate the power of a Knowledge Building community.

Episode Description:

In this episode, students engage in sharing their diverse ideas and building new knowledge by putting the Improvable Ideas board into action. Discourse in both small and large Knowledge Building Circles allows students to deepen their collective knowledge and explore the KB Principle of Rise Above. We will hear how student and teacher feedback is respected and valued in order to push ideas forward. Collective responsibility for idea improvement has become part of the culture in this classroom.

Listen for:

- Student and Teacher reflections on the **value of small and large KB Circles**
- How a KB community **empowers every student to have a voice**
- The challenge of getting to **Rise Above Ideas**

Your wonderings (while listening, jot down questions, ideas and notes in the space below):

Discussion Questions:

- What do the students and teacher value most about their discourse in KB circles?
- How is feedback given and valued in a KB community?
- What role does the teacher play in helping students improve their collective ideas in order to get to Rise Above Ideas?
- After listening to this podcast, what ideas and practices do you want to explore more?