

Growth Mindset Thinkers

Video: Leadership Everywhere

(JIM FISHER:) Just watch the playground. There are leaders out there. There are leaders in every kind of group. There's leaders in the classroom, there's leaders in the school. People -- all those kids are observing a leader called the teacher. Teachers are leaders, really, is what they are. When they're really effective they're leaders. And when they're really effective, what you see is you see kids transform. They don't just learn topics and subjects and reading and writing and so on, but they actually transform how they think about the world, how they see the world. That's a leadership activity. So kids experience leadership every day in the classroom. But they experience leadership every day on the playground.

So kids are doing it all the time. So some kids do it naturally, some kids don't. Some kids hold back from doing it, some don't know how to do it. But I believe it's actually something that everyone can do. And I would say this -- I mean, I'm just sort of thinking of them because of your own experience -- is that you could take the class and you would see the person or the people who identify as leaders. So you would see the person who is, whatever, maybe they're chosen president of their class or they're captain of the team or they're head of this or they're head of that. And that's a -- those are leadership roles which are clear and defined. And then you'd see the kids who don't seem to. But I would bet if you followed those kids around for a week, there would be a time when they would lead in some situations. And they just would. And they wouldn't know what they were doing exactly, but they have something and they need people to get along with them, or get out of their way. Or something. And they will find a way to do it. I just think you could do it. They could do it better if they could -- if they kind of had a better idea of what they were doing.