EL Takeaways

Things to Remember About Feedback

Feedback is not advice, praise, or evaluation. Feedback is information about how we are doing in our efforts to reach a goal.

Grant Wiggins, p. 10

If students know
the classroom is a safe place to
make mistakes, they are more
likely to use feedback for learning.

The feedback students give teachers can be more powerful than the feedback teachers give students.

Cris Tovani, p. 48



When we give a grade as part of our feedback, students routinely read only as far as the grade.

Peter Johnston, p. 64

Effective feedback occurs during the learning, while there is still time to act on it. Jan Chappuis, p. 36

Most of the feedback that students receive about their classroom work is from other students—and much of that feedback is wrong.

John Hattie, p. 18

Students
need to know their
learning target—
the specific skill
they're supposed
to learn— or else
"feedback" is just
someone telling
them what to do.
Susan Brookhart, p. 24



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