



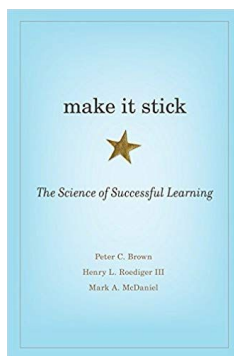
***“Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind.” - Henry James***

**[From Edutopia: 8 Proactive Classroom Management Tips By: Youki Terada](#)**

## Entry Plan Highlights

Last week I had the opportunity to formally join you as your new Superintendent. Everyone has been very welcoming. I have been busy getting lots of usernames and passwords, meeting with the central office team, receiving briefings from Dr. Pierson, conducting interviews for the Administrative Assistant position, and participated in the first Board of Education Budget Meeting. It was a whirlwind for sure but very enjoyable. The highlight of this short week was participating in the Gilead Hill fire drill on Friday and taking the “long way” back to my office in order to visit some classrooms. I love getting to meet our students! They did an excellent job with the fire drill. Over the next several weeks I will be conducting entry meetings with many members of our team and community. I look forward to meeting you all. Have a great week!

## Professional Development Corner!



This week I am profiling one of my favorite books about the brain and memory. It breaks down the science in a simple way and features practical and easy to implement tips. I highly recommend this book! From the dust jacket: *Many common study habits and practice routines turn out to be counterproductive. Underlining and highlighting, rereading, cramming, and single-minded repetition of new skills create the illusion of mastery, but gains fade quickly. More complex and durable learning come from self-testing, introducing certain difficulties in practice, waiting to re-study new material until*

*a little forgetting has set in, and interleaving the practice of one skill or topic with another. Speaking most urgently to students, teachers, trainers, and athletes, Make It Stick will appeal to all those interested in the challenge of lifelong learning and self-improvement.*

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