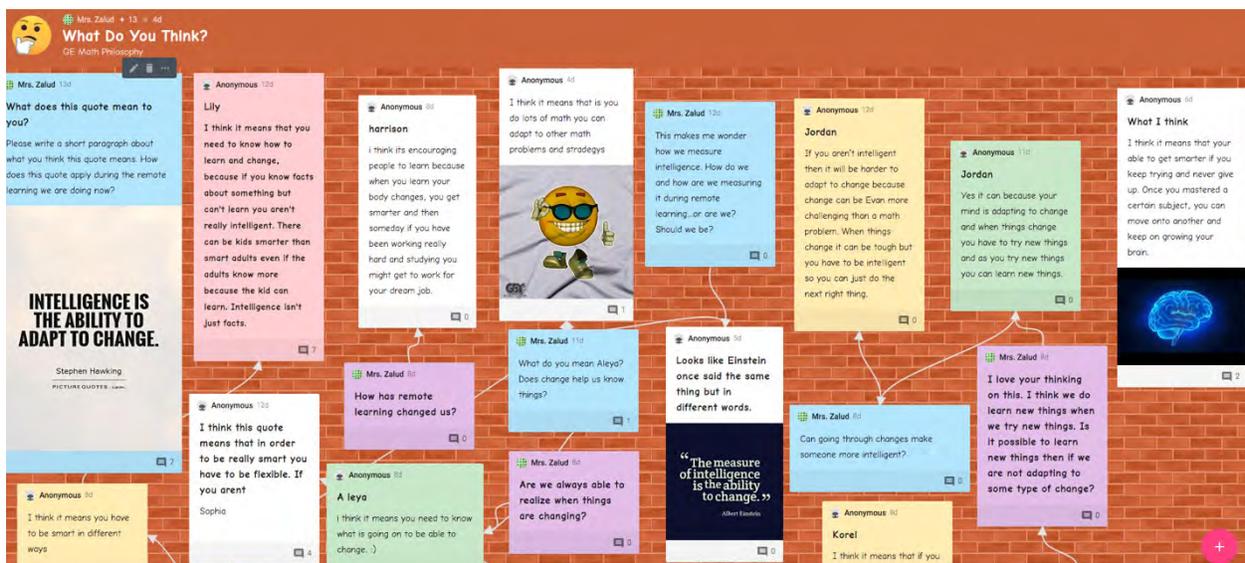


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Philosophy with 4th and 5th Grade Gifted Math Students During Remote Learning Using Padlet

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I like to infuse philosophy into my math classes, and I continued to do the same during remote learning. Although it was more challenging, Padlet was a platform that worked well for my students. My initial post posed the question, “What does this quote mean to you?” The quote that seemed fitting with this time during a global pandemic/Covid-19 and the transition to remote learning was “**Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change**” by Stephen Hawking. I asked my students to write a short paragraph stating what the quote meant to them and how it applies to remote learning. I wanted to encourage my elementary students to think deeply about change itself, adapting to change, and the construct of intelligence within the context of remote learning.

Mason Day (5th grade)

Change can be hard, and you have to persevere through thing. If you have perseverance, I think that means that you are very smart because you know not to give up, and that is some of the best knowledge you can have. You have to be open to change to be intelligent because sometimes change means things can get harder. Like wiith COVID-19, switching to remote learning can be hard.

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Lily Diggle (5th grade)

I think it means that you need to know how to learn and change. Intelligence isn't just facts. I think since school and life are always changing and this (COVID-19 and remote learning) is doing a lot to our lives, that school will change some. I think learning to change happens when you face change. It is hard to prepare for change when you often don't know that change is coming. Learning to change, in my opinion, is that you have to learn by doing. Learning to adapt to change makes you more intelligent because the world is always changing and if you can't change, and hold on to the facts that are out of date and not correct, you don't even have the right information that you are holding on to. If you never change, then what you did know isn't right anymore. If you know to adapt to change, you can learn and have the right information and always get more information. I think we can learn a lot from this such as there are so many ways to learn, so many things to learn, and so many ways to connect.

Sam Zywicki (5th grade)

You can't just know one thing. You have to adapt to new changes, like if we only knew one math skills and never changed our way of thinking, we wouldn't learn new things.

Korel Gugukolu (5th Grade)

I think it means that if you change you can be more intelligent because you are open to new things.

Jordan Mendoza (4th grade)

Your mind is adapting to change and when things change, you have to try new things. As you try new things, you can learn new things. When you do something new you adapt to that thing, so really, it's not that it's not possible to learn new things if we are not adapting to change, it's whenever we learn something new, we adapt to change." If you aren't intelligent, then it will be harder to adapt to change because change can be even more challenging than a math problem. When things change, it can be tough, but you have to be intelligent so you can just do the next right thing.

Aleya Owens (4th grade)

Change helps us know things. I think you have to be smart in different ways. You need to know what is going on to be able to change. You are able to get smarter if you keep trying and never give up. My question is, does the world change us or do we change the world?

Jaxon Nash (4th grade)

I think that it means that with modern day technology, our mind has to change from just having to look it up in a book to just ask Google. Our mind has to change. Our body and brain have to learn to control the change that is happening. Your brain and body have control after you adapt to the change.