

7 things to remember about FEEDBACK

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

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

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

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

7. Students need to know their learning target - the specific skill they are supposed to learn - or else “feedback” is just someone telling them what to do.

5. Effective feedback occurs during the learning while there is still time to act on it.

6. Most of the feedback students receive about their classroom work is from other students - and much of this feedback is wrong.