

**Eleanor Roosevelt Middle School
Reflection Guide and Summary**



“Closing the Achievement Gap”

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“To What Work Does Dr. Brown Call our School?”

1) What did we learn from Dr. Brown?

- Sense of humor
- Feeling of being empowered
- Teaching appropriate life skills
- Renewed passion for teaching
- Relationships are where the teaching takes place
- Be Fair, Be Firm, But Have Fun
- Be ready to give hugs, handshakes, high five's
- Be a balcony person
- DNA (Heredity) loads the “gun,” and environment pulls the trigger
- Use Common Sense
- The difference is making a mistake or making a bad choice.
- Important to think how our attitude affects our students.
- Consistency among staff is a big deal for middle school students.

2) SO WHAT does our new learning mean for us and our practice?

- Relationship rather than reaction
- Step forward when feeling pushed away by a student
- Need to look behind what we see on the outside
- Explore reasons behind symptoms
- Need support from administration by time touches are sent to office
- Being positive
- Don't write off any students
- You can choose your actions, but not your consequences
- Need to build relationships—greeting students in the hall or at the classroom door.
- Focus more on understanding what kind of culture kids are experiencing
- Be creative in solutions to daily problems
- Tell students the truth, don't sugar coat what consequences of our actions are;
- Find a way to fit everyone in the wheel barrow