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Don't be afraid to tell students "that's too easy."

Collaborate with them to find work that is

suitably challenging.

2

Give effusive praise for kids' effort-not for their talent.

Students get plenty of praise for their talent from their classmates and their other teachers. Show them that you appreciate the work they put in to their art.

3

Remind kids that success takes work. If students want to learn to throw on the wheel, they need to practice every day. If they want to draw from observation, they need to get out the drawing pencils and paper on a regular basis.

4

Teach kids to embrace criticism. Do critiques-both formal and informal-and encourage your kids to use that feedback and advice to get better.

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Embrace the challenges, and embrace the mistakes.

That's how we learn. That's how we advance.