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# Use inclusive language

As a teaching team,  
discuss the language  
you use to describe  
students' well-being and  
their learning needs.

Consider the impact of identifying students through phrases such as “struggling readers”, “low achievers”, “special needs students,” or “slow learners”.

Instead take an evidence-based approach. Focus on what students can do and articulate next steps in their learning that both the students and their families can understand and embrace.

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