

EPIISODE 105

# Finishing The Year Strong



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LEADERSHIP SHOW



# Essential Question



How can we help everyone in our organizations finish the school year strong, and how can we personally demand excellence of ourselves, even when we're running on fumes?



# The Home Stretch



- After testing
- Amid year-end events
- Before the last day

*Do these days have instructional value?*

# Time We Can't Waste



Right now, most schools have 3-6 weeks left in the school year:

- This is 8-17% of our total learning time
- It's an even higher proportion of our total face-to-face time if you've been virtual part of the year
- This is more time than we'll have in summer school

# Focus on Fundamentals



## Inputs:

- Sleep
- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Learning

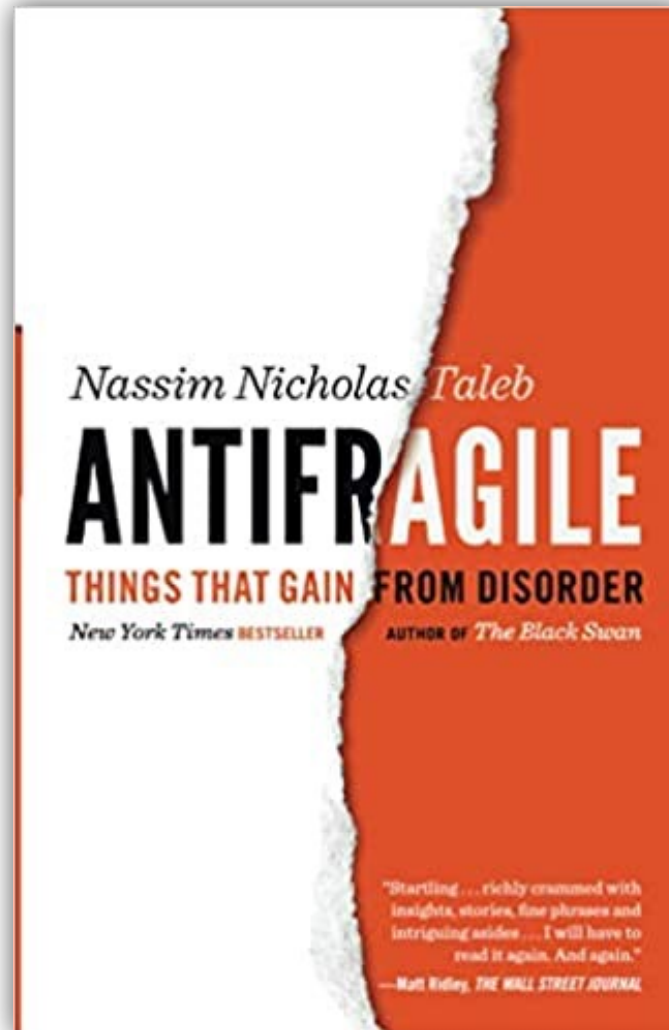
## Outputs:

- Punctuality
- Consistency
- Follow-through
- Classroom visits

# How We Get Stronger



# Fragile, Robust, or Antifragile?





# Finishing Strong As A Leader



- Focus on the fundamentals
- Keep getting into classrooms
- Model excellence

# Helping Staff Finish Strong



- Get into classrooms
- Show an interest in learning
- Set the expectation of teaching until the last day of school

# Sample Email/Article



Dear Staff,

As we enter the home stretch of the school year, it's more important than ever that we continue our focus on learning right up until the end of school. I know we have numerous events taking place to mark the end of the year, but only one event marks the end of learning: the last day of school. As I visit classrooms, I'm excited to see what students are up to!

I know this has been a difficult year, and I am so proud of the ways everyone is making the most of it for students and their learning.

# Helping Students Finish Strong

- Express pride in students
- Express high expectations
- Show an interest in their work



# Takeaways



- We can't waste the remainder of the year
- People are tired, and will fizzle out if we don't model excellence
- Great things can happen if we show up