**Western Cape Education Department: GROWTH MINDSET PROGRAMME**

**ClassDojo**

**Chapter 5: Mojo puts it all together**

Months of hard work had all built up to this moment. Today Mojo and Katie will attempt the biggest challenge of all.

“Mojo, are you ready?” asked Katie.

Mojo snapped back to reality. He could hardly contain his excitement as he waved goodbye to the crowd and prepared for launch.

Katie counted down, “three, two, one, blast off!”, but things didn’t go exactly as planned.

“Well,” said Katie, “at least we probably grew our brains by attempting such a big challenge.”

“Yeah,” said Mojo, “maybe this challenge was just too hard.”

Disappointed he walked home. That evening Mojo couldn’t stop thinking about the failed launch.

“What did it even matter if your brain was like a muscle?” he thought,” if you always ended up failing in the end anyway.” Still trying to make sense of it all, he drifted off to sleep.

But when the sun rose the next morning, Mojo was beginning to see things differently. He rushed off to school to find Katie.

“Katie, we’ve got to adjust this fin design, repair the boosters and see if Bruce can adjust our thrust calculations.”

“Sounds good,” said Katie, “but I thought you said rockets were too difficult?”

“No, no, that’s all nonsense,” said Mojo. “See, I got the thinking last night, trying to figure out why it matters that your brain is like a muscle… First, I thought it meant that if you don’t succeed, you should just try harder. But it’s not just about trying harder. I thought it meant you could do anything if you work hard enough, but that’s not exactly it either. Now, I think, the truth is much simpler. It’s working on challenging things continuously. That’s the only way to grow your brain. So, if you learn to love challenges, you’ll always be growing, getting a little better every day, until one day you can do something incredible.”

Katie smiled. She thought back to how Mojo had wanted to leave school, because he thought he was not smart enough. Now he was unstoppable!

But what do you think? Has Mojo changed since chapter one? Is it possible for anyone to change, like Mojo has? Mmm, now thát’s an interesting question indeed.

**The End**