

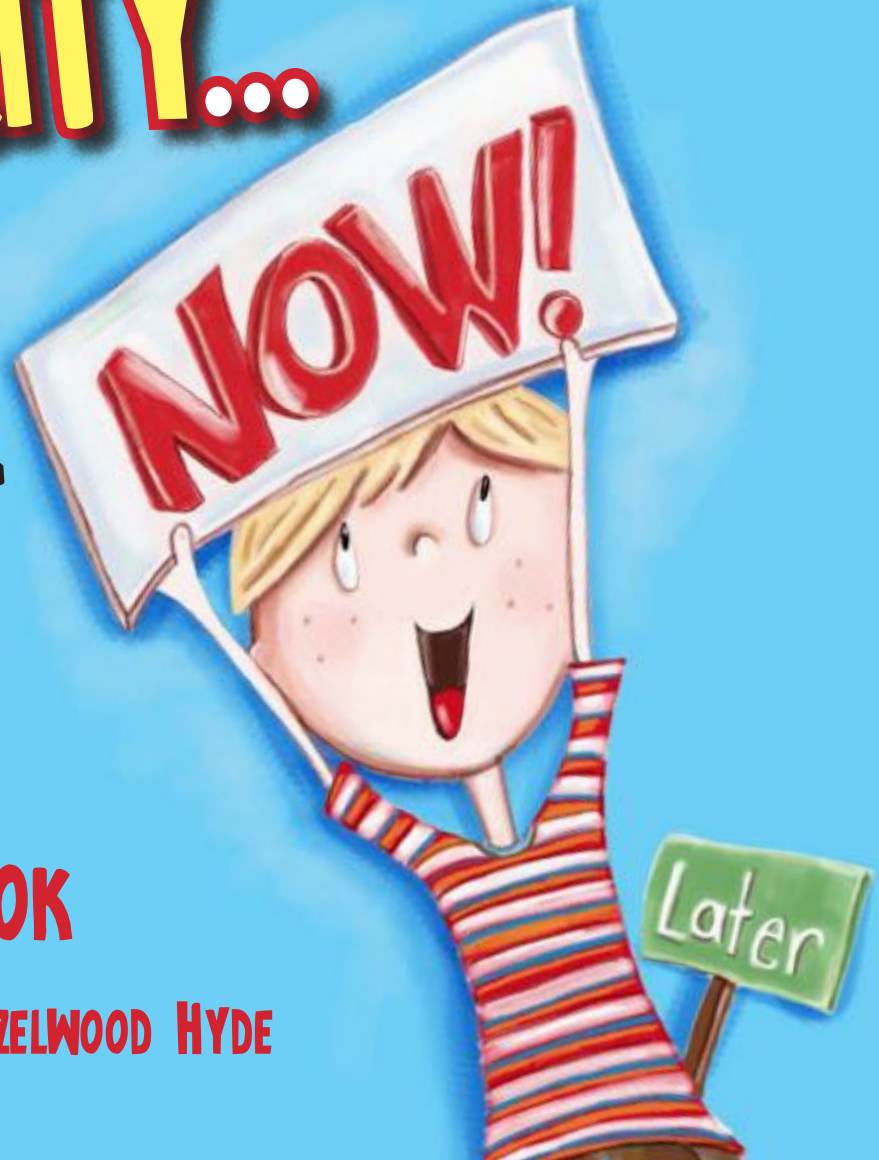
PLANNING ISN'T MY PRIORITY...



AND MAKING
PRIORITIES ISN'T
IN MY PLANS!

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“Cletus!!! It’s 10pm!

What do you mean you don’t have your homework done yet? What have you been doing?

*Cletus, you need to have a **plan**, and set better **priorities**!!*

Why can’t you be more like Bocephus? That’s how you should be!!!”



"Cletus!"

Planning is a thinking skill that helps us develop strategies to accomplish our goal. Our goal is to **WIN** the science fair, not give our mealworms the vacation of a lifetime!

**STICK TO
THE PLAN!!!"**



*"I can't work with Cletus! he said to his mom.
He doesn't follow the **plan**...*

*He's the most **uNOrganizEd** person that I've ever known!
I can't do this Mom...*

*I just **CAN'T!!!**"*



*"**HIS plan** or **YOURS** Bocephus? Did you agree on what to do?
Or did you just tell Cletus, and expect him to follow through?"*



*"You learn from mistakes
and use what you learn,
so you don't make
those mistakes again.*

*Every time you play a video game,
you **plan** and **prioritize** to **WIN!**"*



*We made some mistakes,
but we used what we learned
so we wouldn't make them again.*

Planning and ***prioritizing*** really paid off,
because we ended up with a ***WIN!***



This storybook is the second in the “**Functioning Executive**” book series. It highlights the importance of planning and prioritizing. It also spotlights the unique differences and strengths that live in all of us. This book will help teach children to determine the necessary steps, in order, towards fulfilling a goal – which is a vital executive function skill. Children who possess effective prioritizing skills can learn to manage not only daily responsibilities, but also how to prepare for future success.

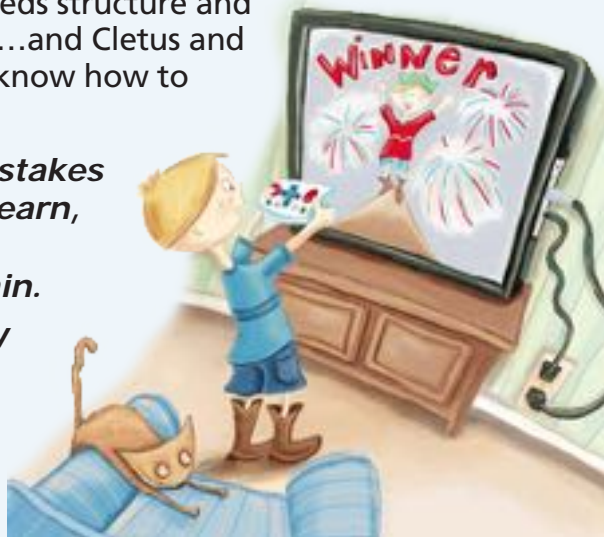
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAN AND PRIORITIZE!

Planning and prioritizing are two of the most difficult executive function skills for people to master. Planning effectively is the thinking skill that helps an individual develop strategies to accomplish goals. It allows a person to think about completing a task before it is started. Life is all about making choices. Prioritizing effectively helps a person make the best choices possible. Time is a limited commodity. To get the most out of your time and accomplish all that you need to do, you have to be able to plan and prioritize both on a long and short-term basis.

Cletus and Bocephus are back! While working on their science fair project on mealworms, they learn to appreciate and understand each other's strengths and weaknesses. Creativity needs structure and structure needs creativity...and Cletus and Bocephus **BOTH** need to know how to plan and prioritize!

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*Every time you play a video game, you plan and prioritize to **WIN!**”*

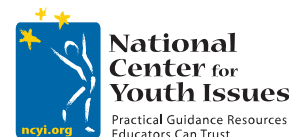


A must read for all classrooms! Finally, a book that addresses the fundamental skills of organization, goal setting and how to address any kind of work with a positive mindset. This book presents proactive solutions in an engaging way. The basic life skills presented in this story will enable students to be successful throughout their academic and adult careers. My teachers and parents have been waiting for this book!

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