

Embracing Systems Thinking in the Primary Years

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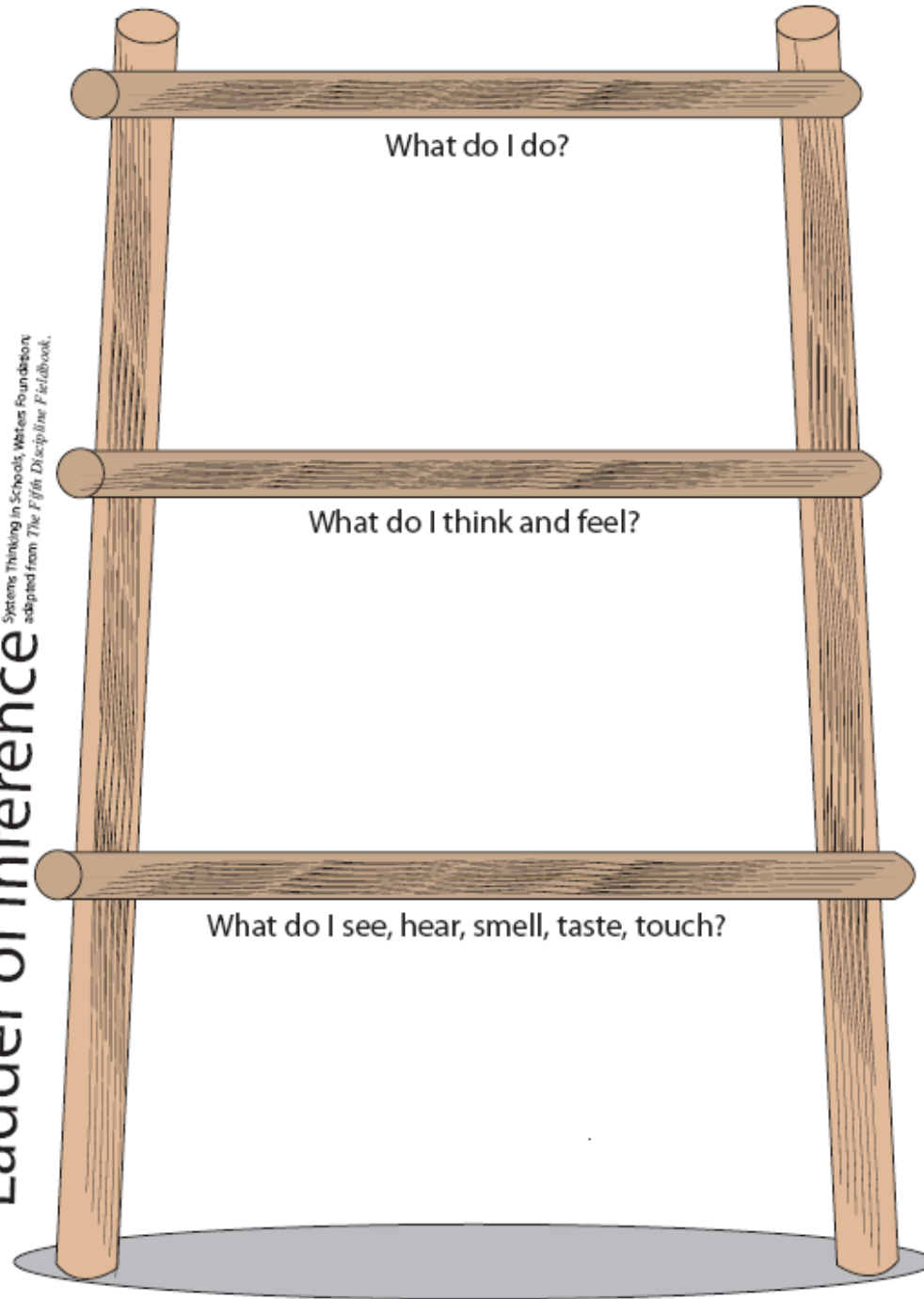
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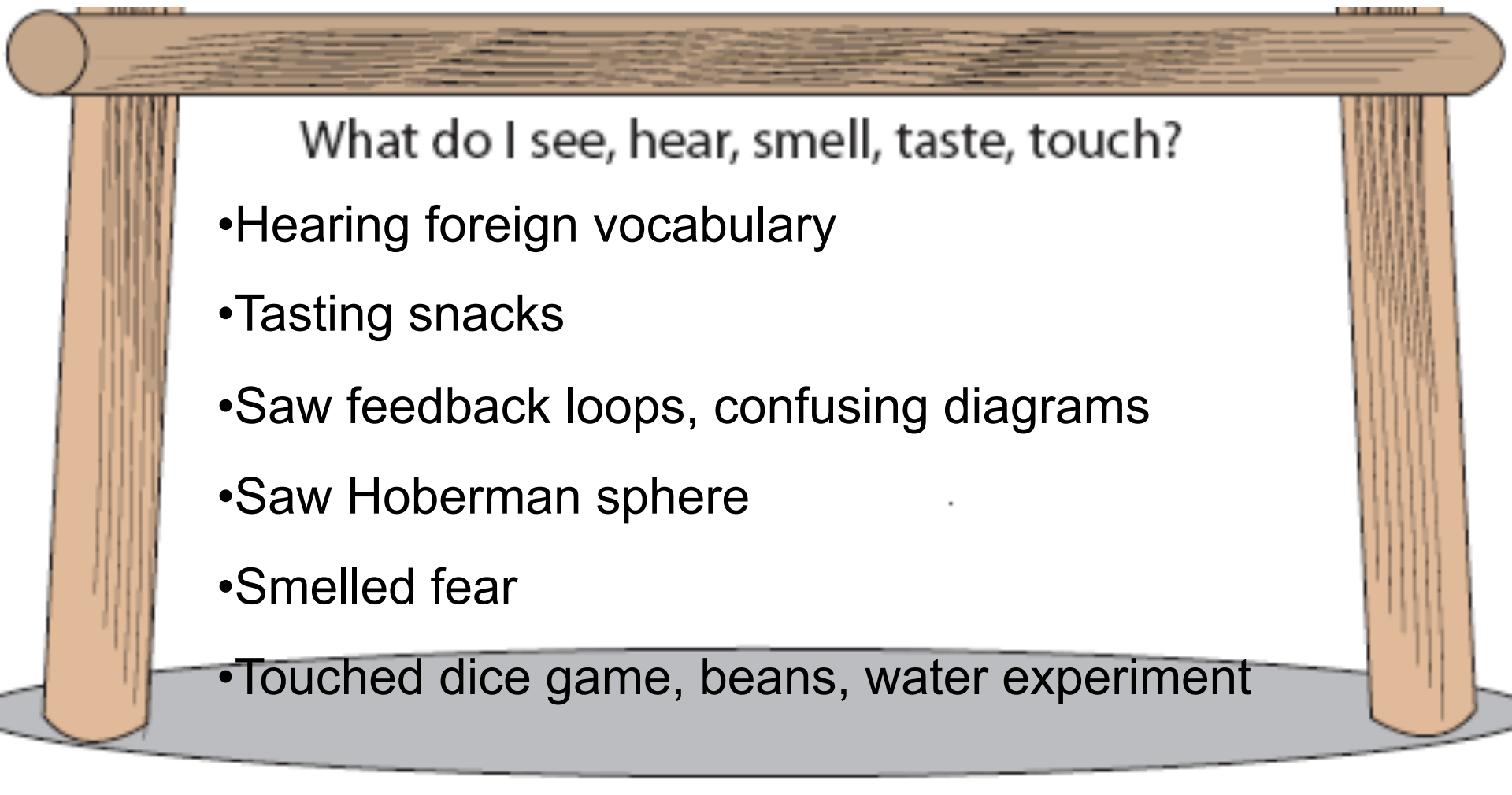
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Ladder of Inference

*Systems Thinking in Schools, Writers Foundation,
adapted from The Fifth Discipline Fieldbook.*





What do I see, hear, smell, taste, touch?

- Hearing foreign vocabulary
- Tasting snacks
- Saw feedback loops, confusing diagrams
- Saw Hoberman sphere
- Smelled fear
- Touched dice game, beans, water experiment



What do I think and feel?

- Afraid to start
- Did I see the need to start?
- Waited till October
- Coaching session gave some confidence and relieved stress
- Felt BOTG was easiest so we started there

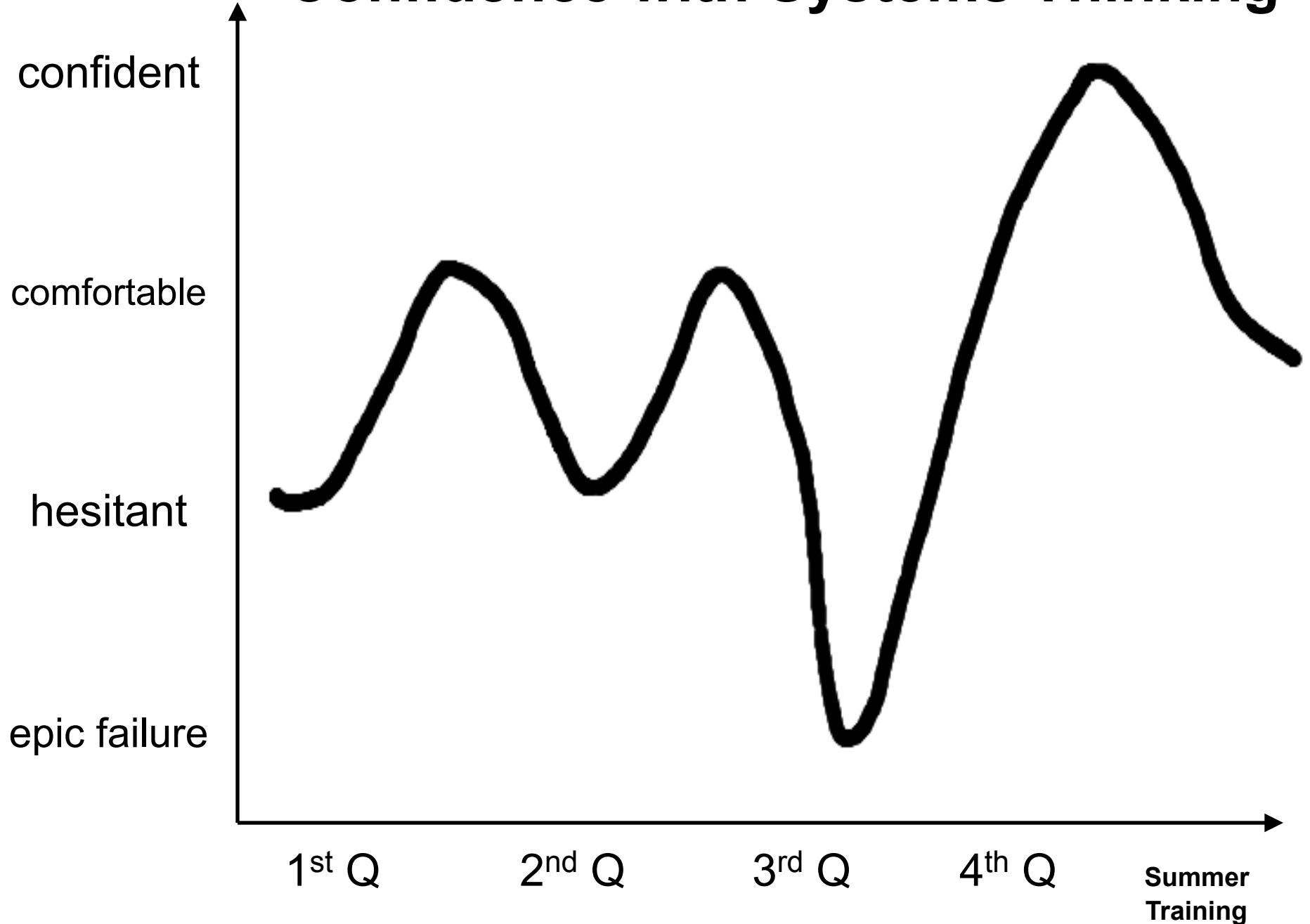


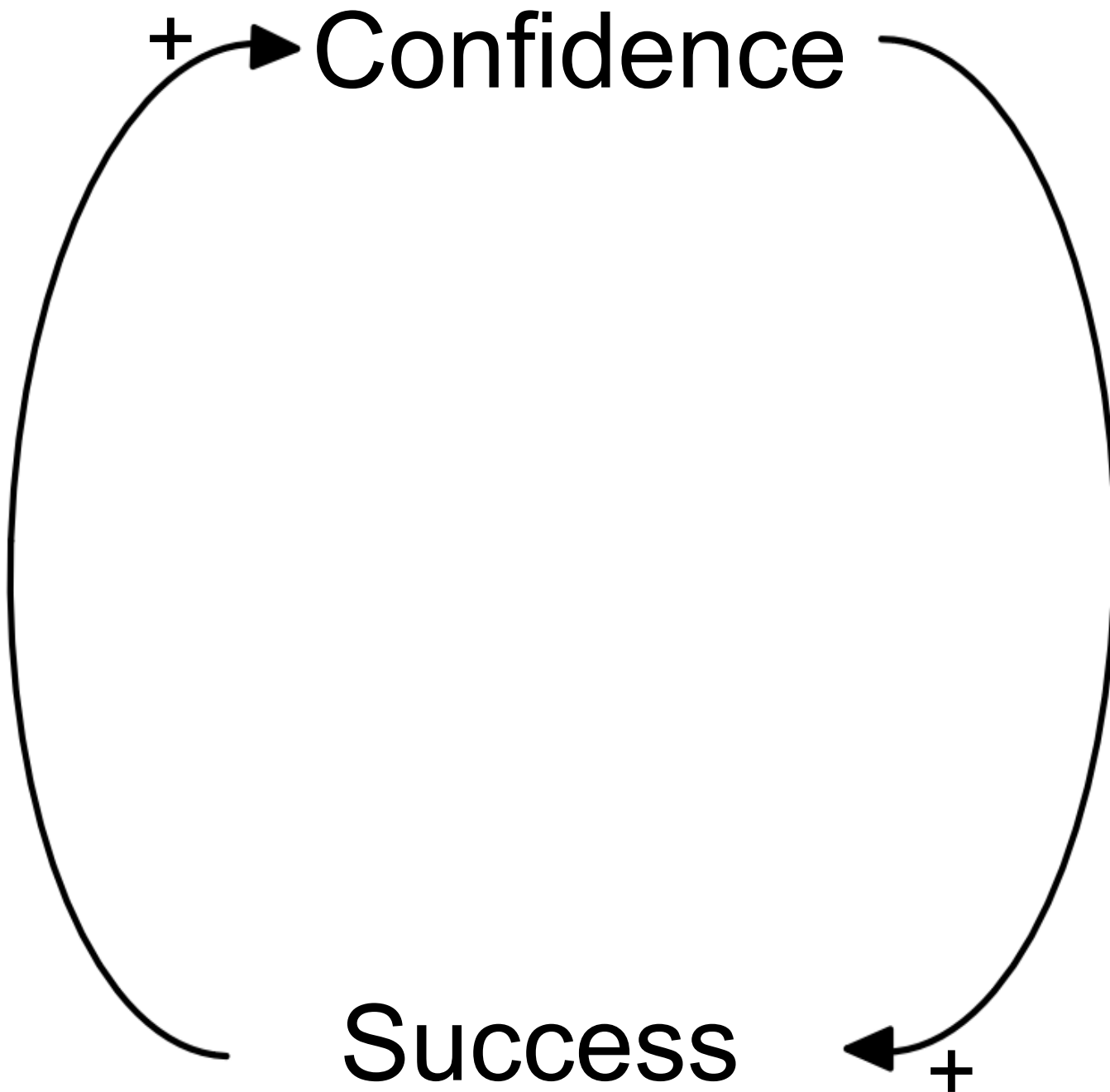
What do I do?

- Jumped into other tools
- Showcase and share with co-workers
- Went from teacher facilitated to student led
- Start Systems Thinking from the beginning of the new school year

Our Experience

Confidence with Systems Thinking





Moving Forward

