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LEARNER PROFILE ATTRIBUTE OF THE MONTH:

RISK-TAKERS

IB learners at Leroy Drive strive to approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought, and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas, and strategies. They are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.



**How can parents help to develop
RISK –TAKERS at home?**

- ⇒ Discuss with your child the difference between trying new things and building confidence, and not taking unnecessary risks by doing dangerous things.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to try new things when they are hesitant or uneasy. Reflect on the experience and how it felt to try something new.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to set goals around new experiences.

**POSITIVE RISK—TAKING
EXPERIENCES**

- ⇒ Trying a new game or task
- ⇒ Meeting a new person
- ⇒ Standing up for a student has excluded or made fun of
- ⇒ Playing a new sport
- ⇒ Tasting a new or unusual food
- ⇒ Helping another student
- ⇒ Achieving a learning goal
- ⇒ Following through with something — not giving up
- ⇒ Reading a new book — new author, genre, etc...

RISK-TAKING QUOTES!

“ You have to risk going too far to discover how far you can really go.”

-T.S Eliot

“Do not fear risk. All exploration, all growth is calculated. Without challenge people cannot reach their higher selves. Only if we are willing to walk over the edge can we become winners.” - Anonymous

PYP Attitudes of the Month



In PYP schools, students should demonstrate:

INDEPENDENCE

Thinking and acting independently, making their own judgment based on reasoned argument, and being able to defend their judgments.



How can you help to build independence?

- Let your children participate in household chores and develop a responsibility chart to keep track of progress.
- Help children understand the impact of their decision-making.
- Encourage and praise children's attempts to do things for themselves no matter what the outcome.

CONFIDENCE

Feeling confident in their ability as learners, having the courage to take risks, applying what they have learned and making appropriate decisions and choices.



How can you help to build confidence?

- Recognize student achievements, both big and small.
- Praise your child with specific feedback regarding their skills and abilities.
- Give your child lots of opportunity to practice and master skills.
- Respond to your child with interest and excitement about accomplishments.

PYP Happenings

- ◆ Grade levels are finishing up their 3rd Unit of Inquiry for the Year. There are three more to go, so the learning will continue to expand as students are learning through transdisciplinary themes. Don't forget to ask your child what they're learning about in their units, what learner profile is highlighted for the month, and how they are growing as a learner!
- ◆ We are currently accepting AD 12 Choice Applications for the 2012-2013 school year. The priority deadline is set for February 1, 2012. The second and final deadline will be April 1, 2012.