

# How can I promote the Learner Profile at home?

The learner profile is central to the Primary Years Programme (PYP) at Sarah Smith. It represents the qualities of an internationally – minded person, which the PYP and Smith hope will characterize all members of our global community. These traits are taught and modeled by teachers at Smith.

Children truly begin to embrace these characteristics when role – modeled by the people most important in their lives – parents, family, teachers, etc. Please spend some time to become familiar with the attributes of the Learner Profile. Parents are asked to reinforce these qualities and use the same language at home.

You might choose to post a list in your home as a reminder of these ten important attributes.

## **Inquirers**

Students who are inquirers are curious about the world. They can conduct research independently. They love learning and discovering new knowledge and will carry this love of learning with them throughout life.

## **Knowledgeable**

Students who are knowledgeable have explored relevant and significant concepts and can remember what they have learned. They can draw on this knowledge and apply it in new situations.

## **Thinkers**

Students who are thinkers work to solve problems independently and collaboratively. They can imagine many solutions to a question or challenge. Thinkers make good decisions and can predict the outcomes of their actions. They think creatively and critically.

## **Communicators**

Students who are communicators are able to think and communicate in more than one language. They can express their ideas by speaking, drawing, and writing. They can also communicate using mathematical language and symbols.

## **Principled**

Students who are principled have a sense of fairness and are honest with themselves and with others. They understand that sometimes there are rules and they follow them.

## **Open – minded**

An open – minded student knows that all people are different. They listen to the points of view of others and consider many possibilities before making a decision. They celebrate the differences that make people unique.

## **Caring**

Students who are caring want people around them to be happy and are sensitive to their needs. They think about the world and work to take care of their community and the environment. They remember to treat others how they themselves would like to be treated.

## **Risk – takers**

Students who are risk – takers have the daring to try new things. They try to solve problems in varied ways. They have the bravery to tell people what they think is right.

## **Balanced**

Students who are balanced are healthy and aware that eating properly and exercising is important in their lives. They understand that it is important to have a balance between the physical and mental aspects of their bodies. They spend time participating in different activities.

## **Reflective**

Students who are reflective know their own strengths and weaknesses. They think about themselves in terms of how to better their weaknesses. They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and consider personal strengths and weaknesses in a constructive manner.