

GRADE VI 2016-17

Curiosity is the desire to personally connect with learning. This begins with a sense of wonder, requires an open mind and a comfort with not yet knowing, and leads to learning for its own sake.

- Show a “sense of wonder” by wondering about things
- Ask questions when you don’t understand
- Ask good, thinking questions that spark ideas
- Look forward to learning
- Participate in class, answer questions - and make sure that others get to participate too
- Follow up on an idea by getting a book or reading something online
- Try new things

Grit is having the discipline to persevere in the face of hard work or setbacks with the belief that success is possible.

- Don’t give up - try again or try in a new way until you get it
- Practice until you get things right
- Learn from your mistakes
- Ask for help from a teacher during class or at TEACH
- Be patient - don’t rush through your work
- Do the optional problems - take on a challenge
- Believe in yourself

Gratitude is looking outside of oneself, recognizing the value of relationships within our community, and showing appreciation through one’s actions.

- Ask someone if they need help
- Pick up after yourself
- Be kind
- Do something nice for someone else
- Be polite - say please and thank you
- Focus on others - don’t be selfish
- Be respectful to the adults (and students) at school
- Step in and do something if you see something that is not right
- Don’t take things for granted
- Be positive and don’t complain

Zest is an excitement for learning, which may be expressed overtly or quietly, that motivates oneself and inspires others.

- Look for the positive - bring a positive mindset (a growth mindset) to your work
- Look at the person who is speaking and smile
- Get excited about the things you are learning - show your excitement by participating
- Be part of a class discussion, share the things you have learned, ask more questions
- Encourage others
- Do your work fully and completely
- Be like Hermione Granger

Personal Responsibility is a student's commitment to developing effective work habits and taking charge of her/his actions and behaviors in order to meet the daily expectations of school life.

- Take care of your belongings - do not leave them lying around
- Get to class on time with all of the materials you need
- Charge your Chromebook overnight and bring it to school
- Do all of your homework and bring it to school
- Take responsibility for yourself - don't ask a parent to bring in the things you left at home - don't make excuses
- Check your Park email
- Follow directions
- Keep your locker(s) and backpack clean
- Manage your time - don't rush through your work