



Bassett Elementary School Mission Statement

Bassett Elementary School is a child-centered community empowered to develop responsible, compassionate, globally-minded citizens who are lifelong inquirers dedicated to achieving academic excellence.



Developing skills children need to succeed in life

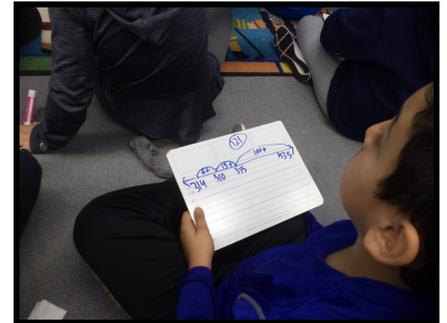
During January, students will focus on the learner profile attribute: **Inquirer** and the IB attitudes: **Curiosity and Commitment**, qualities we want to nurture in our students.

Perseverance (Commitment): The ability to stick to a task and see it through to completion.

[Instead of seeing mistakes as failures, see them as learning.](#)

How we can encourage this:

- Giving children time to think, create and play
- Complimenting children for effort, not just achievement
- Encouraging students to problem-solve their way through obstacles
 - Check out [30 little things that mean a lot to kids](#)

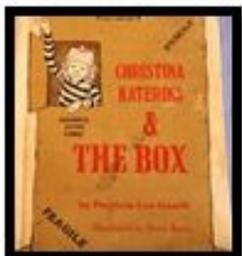


Project-based and play-based learning (Inquirer & Curiosity):

Children learn through trial and error How we can encourage this:

- Experiences that encourage thinking and creative problem solving
- Activities that encourage can help your child learn to plan and carry-out tasks
 - Have your child plan an excursion for the family, including all of the details to make it happen
 - Provide supplies for art, building, writing, etc. Got a new refrigerator? Give them the box!

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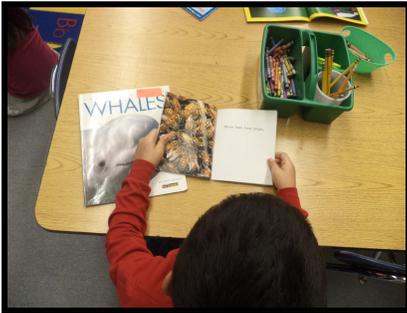
[Click to hear Christina Katerina and the Box, a story of perseverance and creativity](#)

[Click to watch "Soar", a short film in which characters creatively persevere through challenges](#)





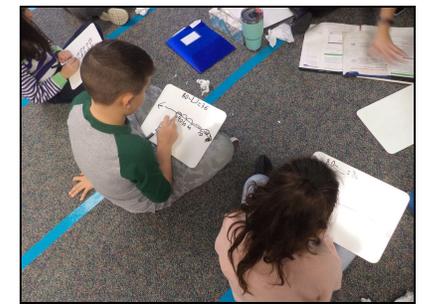
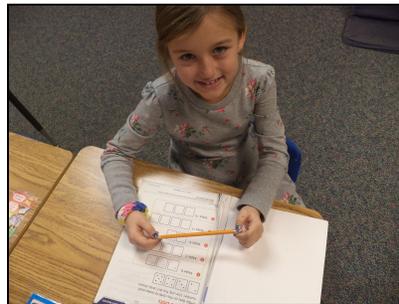
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Expectations: While there are many articles and lists of learning milestones and there are grade level standards to meet, **we can understand that children develop abilities at different ages and will reach milestones when they are ready.**

As a teaching and learning community, we continue to celebrate the successes AND failures with our kiddos to keep them feeling proud and motivated.

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