



# Holly Lane IB PYP News



## Holly Lane Elementary School Mission Statement

The Holly Lane Community educates for excellence promoting an inquiry-based environment of internationally-minded individuals who become lifelong learners.



### Developing skills children need to success in life

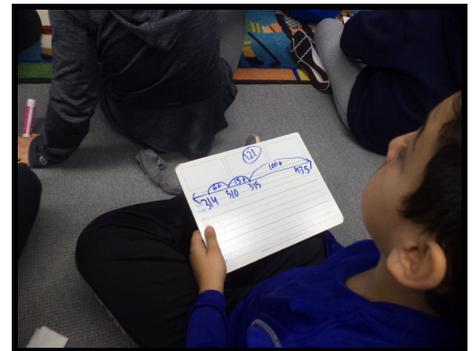
During January, students will focus on the learner profile attribute: **Inquirer** and the IB attitudes: **Curiosity and Commitment**, qualities we want to nurture in our students.

**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.**

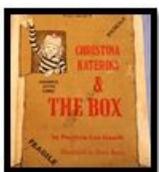


How we can encourage this:

- 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!

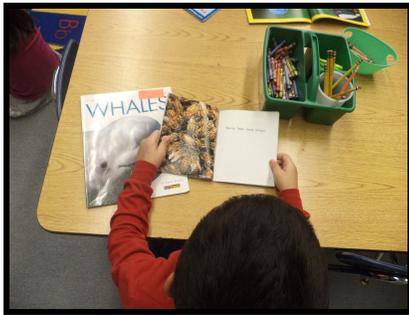
[Click to hear Christina Katerina and the Box, a story of perseverance and creativity](#)

[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.**

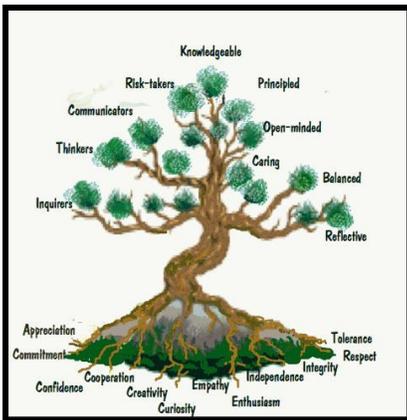
As a teaching and learning community, we continue to celebrate the successes AND failures with our kiddos to keep them feeling proud and motivated.

## Hootin' Leaders Recognition:

On January 25th, a group of students will be recognized, by Mrs. Dagostino and Mrs. Fogarty, for showing the learner profile attribute: **Reflective** and the IB attitude: **Independence**. Over 20 students between K-4 will be recognized for demonstrating how to be a reflective student and also show independence. Thank you to all our teachers, school community, and parents for helping instill these attitudes and attributes into our Westlake students.



## Hootin' Leaders and PBIS: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful



Holly Lane's Hootin' Leader days are intended to promote positive behaviors and also encourage students to follow the **Big 3: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful** by focusing on specific IB attitudes and learner profile attributes each month. Staff members nominate students each month who exemplify a highlighted attitude or attribute. During our assembly on January 9th, students were introduced to the learner profile attribute: **Inquirers** and the attitudes: **Curiosity** and **Commitment** by Mr. Quinlan, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Basen and Miss Zkiab. Thank you to our teachers and staff for modeling the importance of understanding our Learner Profile.

*If you are interested in more detailed information, visit our school webpage [Holly Lane Elementary](http://Holly Lane Elementary) or contact me: Dameon Headings, IB PYP coordinator [headings@wlake.org](mailto:headings@wlake.org)*



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