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Dear Families,

This week our school community will be focusing on the character strength of **Love of Learning**. Love of learning means you master new topics on your own or in school.

Those with a love of learning are intrinsically motivated and engaged in a topic regardless of achieving an external standard. They enjoy learning simply for the sake of learning. They don't need a prize or a high grade as a reward. Their reward is the process of doing the work and improving.

Developing a love of learning is highly beneficial for an individual. It means that they are intrinsically motivated to deepen their existing skills and abilities, or learn something completely new. Since intrinsically motivated action is correlated with positive emotions, those who act on their love of learning may also have enhanced mental and physical health. Additionally, individuals who love learning have the desire and ability to overcome challenges, due to a sense of autonomy and control over their environment.

Students in grades PK-5 are kicking off PARP week! What better way to foster a love of learning than to develop a love of reading. This year the theme is **POSITIVITY PARP!** PARP encourages students to read for at least 15 minutes, five days per week during a month-long reading initiative in order to foster a lifelong love of reading. For more information look for the [PARP calendar/information pack that came home last week](#).

To practice and encourage the character strength of love of learning with your child, please visit the Positivity Project's [P2 for Families](#) (password: **P2**), where together you will watch a video, read a quote, and talk about the answers to three questions.

Have a wonderful week!

Respectfully,

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LOVE OF LEARNING

VIA Survey calls this strength Love of Learning.

Virtue: Wisdom and Knowledge. Strengths of wisdom and knowledge are cognitive strengths related to the acquisition and use of information. Strengths comprised in this virtue are creativity, curiosity, open-mindedness, love of learning, and perspective.



WHAT DOES LOVE OF LEARNING MEAN?

You master new skills and topics on your own or in school.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Developing a love of learning is highly beneficial for an individual. It means they are intrinsically motivated to deepen their existing skills and abilities or learn something completely new. Individuals who love learning have the desire and ability to overcome challenges due to a sense of autonomy and control over their environment.

QUOTES ON THE LOVE OF LEARNING

"I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it."

—Pablo Picasso

"Big thinking precedes great achievement."

—Wilferd A. Peterson

"If you learn something new every day, you can teach something new every day."

—Martha Stewart

"There are three ingredients in the good life: Learning, earning, and yearning."

—Christopher Morley

