

Dear Families/Caregivers,

Your child's belief in his or her ability to learn has a greater impact on academic success than his or her intelligence. Helping children develop a growth mindset, positions them on a path for success.

We've been learning about the importance of curiosity to help our brain grow and learn. We learned that it's smart to ask questions and that we should not feel embarrassed to ask questions because it helps us learn more. We also learned that we can learn a lot through reading, playing, and watching and listening to others.

Here are some activities that you can do with your child:

- Have your child interview you about your job/career. Record the interview and let your child listen to it. Later, ask your child what he or she learned about your job/career.
- Take your child to a zoo or museum and encourage him or her to ask questions from the people working there. Talk about what your child learned afterwards.
- Do a book club with your child where you both read the same book. Each day, take turns asking each other questions and discussing the book.

Be patient and answer your child's questions. Children sometimes stop asking questions because they feel like it makes them not look smart. The opposite is true – smart people ask questions so encourage your child to ask away!

Sincerely,

Your Child's Teacher