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Dear Families,

This week our school community will be focusing on the character strength of **Creativity**. Creativity means you come up with new and original ways to think about and do things.

Creative people can look at the world in original ways. They are open to new experiences, and have an imaginative and independent thought process. They generate lots of different ideas and can pursue them with energy and enthusiasm. Creativity is a process that takes courage. Anytime you share your original ideas with the world, you risk being criticized or even ostracized.

On a group level, creativity is vital. It helps us solve seemingly impossible problems, create something we never knew we wanted, or simply see the world in a new way. Technological examples include the printing press, refrigeration, electricity, automobiles, and the internet. Just think of what we'd be missing without Renaissance art, Enlightenment thinking, Harlem Renaissance jazz, or hip-hop emerging from the South Bronx in the 1970s and 80s.

To practice and encourage the character strength of creativity 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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CREATIVITY

Virtue: Wisdom and Knowledge. Strengths of wisdom and knowledge are cognitive strengths related to acquiring and using information. This virtue includes creativity, curiosity, open-mindedness, love of learning, and perspective.



WHAT DOES CREATIVITY MEAN?

You come up with new and original ways to think about and do things.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Creativity has to do with intrinsic motivation — the work is completed to use your talents and potential, not to receive a reward. Creative people are happy to come up with lots of different ideas and can pursue them with energy and enthusiasm. Creativity helps us solve seemingly impossible problems, create things we never knew we wanted, and see the world in a new way.

QUOTES ON CREATIVITY

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions."

-Albert Einstein

"The creative process is one of surrender, not control."

-Bruce Lee

"Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun."

-Mary Lou Cook

"Painting is easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do."

-Edgar Degas

