

# IB NEWSLETTER

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Concord is an IB authorized school implementing the Primary Years Program (PYP) since 2008.



## IB PYP Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.



Fourth grade students spent a day living life as a colonial kid. They worked hard making candles for their homes, pomanders to fragrance their houses, and toys for playing. They also participated in book tasting where they selected books and completed a menu recording their interests and reflections.

## Programme of Inquiry

The PYP is a curriculum framework that defines six themes which transcend traditional disciplines and represent broad ideas that are relevant to all human beings.

- Who we are
- Where we are in time and place
- How we express ourselves
- How the world works
- How we organize ourselves
- Sharing the planet

A structured inquiry approach to learning is the basis of the program. Concord uses the South Carolina Standards and the Anderson District Five curriculum; however, teachers use the IB PYP approach to organize and teach through carefully planned units of study.

Visit our website to see what our school is doing to help all students become lifelong learners!



As a school, we focus on a different attribute every two weeks while supporting and encouraging all of the attributes daily. Here are a couple of suggestions to help you support your child at home during the month of January.

Open-minded-  
(Appreciation,  
Tolerance)

Encourage your child to try new foods, new games and even new traditions.

Read a book and discuss the characters. Help your child keep an open mind about why the character might have made a bad decision and how we can forgive others.

Help your child keep an open mind about how people dress, eat, and live differently. There are many books you can read or images you can find on the computer to begin a conversation.



Jan. 3 -  
Jan. 14

Inquirers-  
(Curiosity,  
Enthusiasm)

Try not to answer questions or give solutions too soon to your child. Let your child try to figure out the answer or solution. When your child asks a question, ask your child to help you find the answer. You can call someone together, think through the problem together by leading your child, or research the question together.



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Jan. 28