



*Soaring Toward Success*

## ENGLISH BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Learner Profile strives to build global citizens and life long learners, challenging us all to be the best that we can be in the home and school. As parents, using this language and terminology in the home can be a powerful way of reinforcing these personal attributes. As such, each week we will be sending home a new Learner Profile trait, accompanied with a task, question, or topic for discussion. We would like families to take some time to have these rich discussions with their children and return their responses to the school to be shared in class by your child(ren).



This week's Learner Profile trait – COMMUNICATOR

Students who are COMMUNICATORS express their ideas by speaking, drawing and writing. They can also communicate using mathematical language and symbols. They may be able to communicate in more than one language and are good listeners as well. Being a good listener is an important part of communicating with others.

*How can parents help to develop students who are COMMUNICATORS at home?*

- Encourage your child to stay in touch with relatives and friends who live in other place by writing letters, using the phone or sending email.
- When working on mathematics homework, encourage your child to explain his/her answer to you orally or by drawing a picture.

- Ask your child thought provoking questions and encourage them to discuss them with you. For example:
- What would you do in various scenarios and why?
- What are some of your goals and are you on track to achieve them?
- Should you get an allowance? Why or why not?
- Work with your child to improve his/her listening skills by modeling active listening.

TASK:

This week we would like you to practice building communication skills with your child(ren). A few fun ways to increase communication skills include:

- Playing Charades, Balderdash, Cranium or other games that require the ability to communicate with others in a variety of ways.
- Choose a current event and have a discussion about why that item is ‘newsworthy’.
- Choose an item for debate, and have your child articulate their point of view. For example, did the successful political candidate in your riding deserve to win? Why or why not?
- For younger students, families could choose a topic for fun. For example, which makes a better pet – a cat or a dog? Have your child(ren) discuss their thoughts and articulate their perspective.

There is no specific submission requested this week. As usual, students will practice their communication skills throughout the week when speaking in class either formally (i.e. 1 minute speeches or class presentations) or informally, such as answering questions or raising their hand to contribute their ideas.

For more information on the Learner Profile, please check our school website at:

<http://eb.deltasd.bc.ca/ib/learner-profile>

Best Regards,

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