

Eastford Elementary School's Portrait of an Eastford Learner

Habits of Success



Creative Problem Solver



Effective Communicator



Global Citizen

Effective Collaborator

Critical Thinker

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Students possess and employ a range of skills in order to be personally accountable, show empathy, successfully resolve conflicts, and demonstrate executive functioning skills.

Students will:

- Set goals.
- Come to school ready for active learning.
- Monitor and reflect on their learning to make necessary adjustments, celebrate accomplishments and identify next steps.
- Use their problem-solving skills to seek a resolution during a conflict, i.e., use empathy, ask questions, be accountable, be open-minded.

Global Citizen



Students recognize their role and responsibility in the larger world seeking understanding of others while demonstrating empathy and respect. They actively contribute to their community for the benefit of all.

Students will:

- Build an appreciation for diverse cultures and beliefs present in our global society, i.e., exposure to other communities and cultures.
- Demonstrate respect and responsibility for self, others, and the environment, i.e., including all students.
- Promote a sense of belonging through sound decision making that includes how one's behavior impacts others.
- Offer help and support to others.

Creative Problem Solver



Students exhibit originality, imagination, and inventiveness. Through the creative process, students engage in productive struggle and build resilience as they persevere to reach intended goals.

Students will:

- Be open minded to different opinions.
- Embrace mistakes as an opportunity to learn.
- Ask meaningful questions to identify, define, and solve authentic problems.
- Research to innovate better solutions, i.e., examining others' points of view and perspectives.
- Persevere to continually find more effective solutions.

Effective Collaborator



Students demonstrate the ability to interact within a group to set and achieve common goals.

Students will:

- Appropriately engage with others.
- Actively listen, reflect and validate ideas shared by others.
- Respect and value diverse perspectives, i.e., to hear all ideas before choosing what is the best.
- Be accountable to self and others during a conflict.

Effective Communicator



Students actively participate and appropriately contribute to discussions. They present ideas and information in a logical way and demonstrate the ability to effectively convey thoughts, needs and feelings to a diverse audience.

Students will:

- Engage in active listening and respectful discourse, including being open to different points of view.
- Use communication skills to meet their goals.
- Develop a variety of communication systems, including oral, written and nonverbal, to articulate thoughts and ideas in a variety of forms and contexts.
- Develop confidence to connect and share ideas with others.

Critical Thinker



Students engage in analysis, evaluation and reflection to build understanding, solve problems, and identify alternative solutions.

Students will:

- Ask questions.
- Use prior knowledge to analyze and understand, i.e., integrating background knowledge.
- Describe one's thought process and justify position/decision, i.e., bringing in why this is important.
- Synthesize information from multiple points of view, i.e., seeking feedback and ideas from others.
- Evaluate reasonableness of responses.