



PRAISE Learning Dispositions

Developing positive behaviours and attitudes to learning in the preschool years is fundamental as children begin their journey as lifelong learners. By fostering the dispositions, Perseverance, Reflectiveness, Appreciation, Inventiveness, Sense of wonder and curiosity and Engagement (PRAISE), children are nurtured to be self-directed learners who experience the joy of learning. The table below provides some examples of what each PRAISE learning disposition may look like when observed in action or possibly adopted by children.

Learning Disposition

Children may exhibit the disposition when they...

Perseverance

- Keep trying and don't give up
- Encourage each other
- Celebrate every effort

- Keep working on an activity to complete it.
- Seek help or advice from peers or teachers in their attempts to complete a challenging activity.
- Say encouraging words about their own and others' efforts in completing a difficult task.
- Continue to press on with their efforts and do not give up easily even when faced with challenges.

Reflectiveness

- Think back
- Learn from it
- Do it better

- Ask questions to clarify what they have done, seen, heard or felt.
- Share their feelings, thoughts and opinions regarding their experiences, choices or decisions.
- Explain how they solve problems or resolve conflicts with peers.
- Talk about what they have learnt from an experience or mistake and how they can do better the next time.



Appreciation

- Respect everyone
- Value what others say
- Learn from all
- Listen to the views of others respectfully.
- Invite their friends to share ideas.
- Consider ideas and views of others in solving a problem.

Inventiveness

- Be flexible in thinking
- Look at it in another way
- Try something new
- Generate different solutions to solve a problem.
- Suggest new and different ways of doing things.
- Look for new or different resources to complete a task.

Sense of Wonder and Curiosity

- Observe the world
- Ask questions
- Find out more
- Get excited about things and changes occurring in the environment.
- Ask questions about why things happen and how things work.
- Show interest in exploring and discovering new things.

Engagement

- Stay focused
- Be involved
- Enjoy learning
- Pay attention and are actively involved in an activity.
- Are enthusiastic and stay focused to perform a task.
- Enjoy learning and are intrinsically motivated to find out more about the topic on their own.