



Camarado Springs Middle School

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Welcome Back! We are excited to be back in full swing and starting our first full year as an Authorized IB World School!

Learner Profiles (attributes of lifelong learners) are an essential component of an IB Program. We have decided to focus on a different Learner Profile each month throughout the year so students are immersed in the language and expectations of IB. The Learner Profile starting us off for August is:

“RISK-TAKER” - Being a “Risk-Taker” means we try new things. We know in order to grow, we must be able to take risks. We work outside our comfort zone.

Teachers and staff will be working with students to emphasize the importance of taking risks in your learning. We want to encourage students to try new things and work outside their comfort zone. This is their opportunity to grow as learners.

Approaches to Learning (ATLs) Skills and Strategies are not new to most of us, they are just “new” in how they are articulated. ATLs in IB are what we typically refer to as “Study Skills/Life-Long Learning Skills.” Our role as teachers is to explicitly provide instruction about how we can use these skills in our content areas. We will also be providing students opportunities to use these skills with guidance and independently.

The first ATL we will be introducing is under the category of “Self-Management” and the sub-category of “Organization.”

ATL: Self-Management/Organization

We are learning how to manage our time and tasks effectively.

- Keep and use a weekly planner for assignments
- Bring necessary equipment and supplies to class
- Meet deadlines

One way you can support your student at home is by encouraging students to check their weekly planner to ensure assignments are completed and students can meet deadlines.

For more information about the ATL skills and examples, please refer to the Parent/Student handbook, your student’s planner or visit the “IB Info.” tab on our school website.

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