

Avery Trace Middle School Middle Years Program

Update & Info

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Issue 1

Authorization Update

Our Authorization visit went November 10th/11th and it was great! We received great positive feedback! We look forward to receiving our letter authorizing us we are officially an IB/MYP school.

Our student's speaking about our awesome school with our visitors.



How to encourage our students to be INQUIRERS

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

Parents can help foster inquirers at home in a variety of ways:

- ☆ Ask your child what they are learning in their classes. Have a discussion where you allow your child to express their questions.
- ☆ If your child expresses an interest in an idea or topic, foster this interest by allowing your child to research on his/her own.
- ☆ Encourage areas of your child's interest by visiting the library to borrow book or taking your child to a book store to purchase books in order to explore these topics in depth.
- ☆ Model being an inquirer. In fact, admit when you do not know the answer to a problem or question and seek out the answers (in front of your child). Once you have found the answer, have a discussion with your child.
- ☆ Encourage your child to read newspapers and magazines to stay informed of current events. When questions arise, encourage your child to further research and discuss findings.
- ☆ Take your child to the museums and other places that stimulate inquiries. Have your child formulate questions on topics or exhibits that catch his/her attention.
- ☆ When you catch your child being an inquirer, express your approval and provide encouragement so that your child can continue being an inquirer.

-November- Balanced-

This month's contest winner is 6th grader Deauna Mitchell. She says her picture is balanced because "she is balancing having fun with her brother and holding on." Deauna will receive a \$25 gift card to Claires.

-December- Inquirer

December's trait is Inquirer. Students can create a video in any format showing what it looks like to be an inquirer. They should be no longer than 2 minutes. Sent to Ms. Etheredge by Dec. 19th.