





Overview

Get ready for some fun as we focus on Creativity this month! One way to think about Creativity is "using your imagination to create something new or solve a problem." Opportunities to be Creative are all around us! How can you find ways to be Creative as a family this month?

Creativity is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Well. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress-management.

In The Classroom

Sharing how we feel with others is a way to advocate for ourselves. This month, 3rd grade students will practice sharing their emotions and expressing what they need.

Students will use the Emotion Elements to name their emotions and I-Statements to communicate when faced with a challenging situation.

Emotion Elements

- Wind represents feeling words like inspired, anxious, playful, and nervous.
- Water represents feeling words like concerned, thoughtful, tired, and bored.
- **Fire** represents feeling words like annoyed, overwhelmed, excited, and scared.
- **Earth** represents feeling words like motivated, focused, confident, and proud.

I-Statement Structure:

I feel _____ when _____ and I would like _____.



Conversation Starters

- How can being Creative help you to solve problems?
- Can you explain what I-Statements are and how you can use them?









Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Creativity. Here are 3 "PurposeFull Pursuits" for you to complete together. How many can you do this month?

Pursuit #1

Get Creative with expressing your emotions through a game of emotion charades! Gather as a family and brainstorm some emotion words. Write them on slips of paper and turn them facedown. Then, take turns choosing a slip of paper and acting out the emotion (assist with reading as needed). Other family members will guess the emotion that is being acted out. After each person's turn, take a moment to talk about what we may need when experiencing these emotions.

Review Creativity as a family. Creativity is using your imagination to create something new or solve a problem. This challenge is about creating something new - together! Find a large cardboard box and unleash your Creativity as you work together to create something totally new. What can the box become? Perhaps it will be a spaceship, an ice cream shop, a fairy castle, or a race car. Use any craft supplies or scraps on hand and your imagination to turn an ordinary box into a new creation!



Pursuit #2

Pursuit #3

Set aside some time to gather as a family and check in with each other. Ask each family member, "How are you feeling today?" Practice Honesty when responding and listen carefully as each family member shares. Use the emotion check-in questions to learn more and practice Creativity to come up with a new question to learn more! Challenge yourselves to check in with each other on a regular basis!



Emotion Check-In Questions:

- Tell me more about that feeling.
- Why do you think you are feeling that emotion?
- What do you need right now?

