



# IB PYP

## NEWSLETTER

THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE  
PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME AT LITTLE EM'S







## DEAR ESTEEMED PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND FRIENDS OF LITTLE EM'S,



Welcome back to our **newsletter – the 6th issue!** As we continue our journey through this academic year, we are thrilled to share the latest happenings at Little Em's, particularly our ongoing commitment to nurturing the **"Open-minded"** attribute within the IB Learner Profiles.





# EMBRACING DIVERSITY

## OUR JOURNEY OF OPEN-MINDEDNESS

This month, we focus on the IB Learner Profile attribute of being "Open-minded." At Little Em's, we understand that fostering open-mindedness is essential for our students to appreciate and understand the diverse perspectives that enrich our world. Open-minded individuals seek to understand and respect different viewpoints, traditions, and cultures, which aligns beautifully with our mission as a candidate IB World School.



# UNDERSTANDING OPEN-MINDEDNESS

## IN THE IB CONTEXT



The "Open-minded" attribute encourages children to explore and engage with a range of perspectives, fostering a spirit of inquiry and a desire to learn from others. At Little Em's, we emphasize this attribute through our educational practices inspired by both the IB framework and the Reggio Emilia Approach®. Our learning environment encourages children to be curious, empathetic, and reflective, allowing them to appreciate the richness of diverse experiences.







## CHILDREN AS **OPEN-MINDED THINKERS** ENGAGING WITH THE WORLD

At Little Em's, we nurture open-mindedness through interactive and experiential learning. Recently and in the upcoming period, students have participated and will participate in activities that promote cultural exploration, encouraging them to ask questions, share experiences, and reflect on their learning. One of these was the exciting Halloween week in October,

or the upcoming International Week to celebrate the indigenous culture of Vietnam and the cultures of the foreign teachers working at the school. By participating in discussions and projects that honor such diversity, they develop the necessary skills to engage respectfully with the broader world, embodying the values of the IB Learner Profile.



**"The greatest gift of human beings is that we have the power of empathy."**

**- MERYL STREEP -**





# CULTIVATING OPEN-MINDEDNESS AT HOME



As parents and caregivers, you play a vital role in nurturing open-mindedness in your children. Here are some practical strategies to help your child embrace this important attribute:

## **EXPLORE CULTURAL EVENTS**

Attend local cultural events, festivals, or exhibitions as a family. Discuss what you learned about different cultures and perspectives.

## **ENCOURAGE DIVERSE READING**

Introduce your child to books from various cultures and viewpoints. Use these stories as springboards for discussions about differences and similarities.



## **PRACTICE EMPATHY**

Encourage your child to consider how others might feel in different situations. Role-playing can be an effective way to explore this concept together.

## **SHARE FAMILY TRADITIONS**

Discuss your own family's traditions and values, inviting your child to ask questions and express their thoughts.

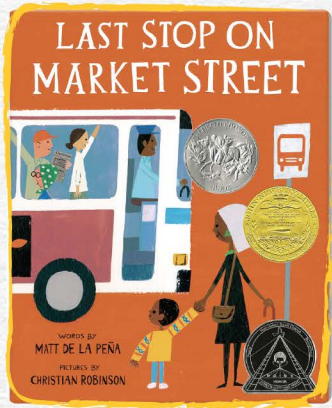
## **MODEL OPEN-MINDED BEHAVIOR**

Demonstrate how to engage respectfully with differing opinions. Share your experiences of learning from others and the importance of valuing diversity.





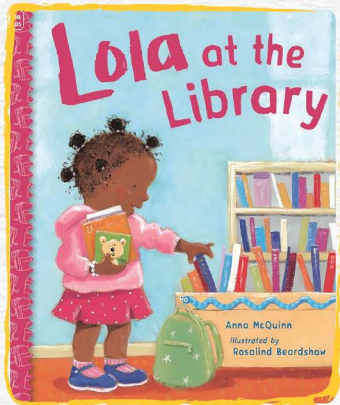
# BOOKLIST TO HELP DEVELOP LEARNERS AS OPEN-MINDED INDIVIDUALS



## "LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET"

by Matt de la Peña

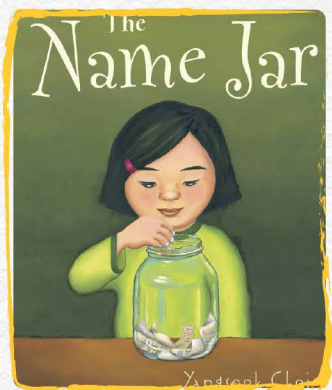
A touching story that explores beauty in everyday life through the eyes of a young boy and his grandmother on a bus ride.



## "LOLA AT THE LIBRARY"

by Anna McQuinn

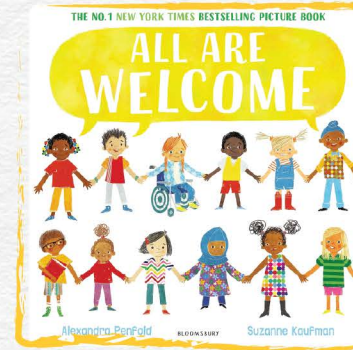
This delightful book highlights the joy of reading and the importance of community engagement.



## "THE NAME JAR"

by Yangsook Choi

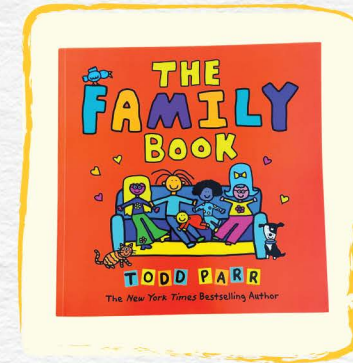
This story follows a girl learning to embrace her name and culture, fostering a sense of identity and community.



## "ALL ARE WELCOME"

by Alexandra Penfold

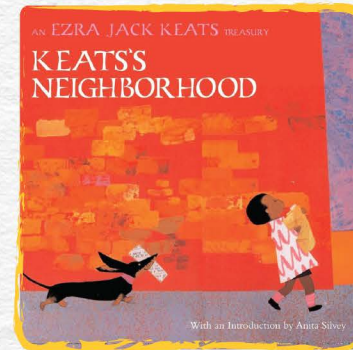
This book celebrates diversity in a school where all children feel included and accepted, encouraging readers to embrace differences.



## "THE FAMILY BOOK"

by Todd Parr

A vibrant exploration of family diversity, promoting acceptance and love in various forms.



## "WHISTLE FOR WILLIE"

by Ezra Jack Keats

A classic tale that captures the joy of childhood curiosity and the determination to learn new skills.



Warm regards,  
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