

# IB PYP

## NEWSLETTER

THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE  
PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME AT LITTLE EM'S







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With Reggio Children



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

As we enter May - the final month of our school year - we find ourselves looking both backward and forward. This is a time for reflection, celebration, and transition. Learning unfolds with wonder and meaning from the children's everyday discoveries to the collaborative culmination of our end-of-year Reggio Emilia exhibition, *Hands to Horizons*. It is also the season when we witness our oldest students prepare for their next chapter - graduation.

With this spirit of closure and new beginnings, we focus on the final two attributes of the IB Learner Profile: **Reflective** and **Principled**.





## LEARNING FROM WHERE WE HAVE BEEN: REFLECTIVE

**Reflective learners think deeply about their experiences.** They consider what they've learned, how they've grown, and how they might move forward. This kind of reflection has been at the heart of our daily life at Little Em's through project work, shared conversations, documentation, and relationships. Reflection empowers children to understand themselves as learners and members within a community.

**The Reggio Emilia Approach teaches us that learning is a process, not a product.** Through our Hands to Horizons exhibition, we do not showcase an end result. We celebrate the journeys, the hands that shaped clay, painted stories, constructed meaning, and reached out to understand the world. **To reflect is to honor each step**, even the uncertain or messy ones.



## GROWING WITH INTEGRITY: PRINCIPLED



**A principled learner acts with honesty, fairness, and respect.** At Little Em's, these values are not taught through rules but cultivated through authentic relationships. Children make choices, resolve conflicts, care for shared spaces, and learn that their actions impact others.

As the school year closes, we recognize how our students, young as they are, have practiced being principled in their own ways. They've shown kindness in group projects, courage in speaking up, and responsibility in taking care of their environment and materials. These are not small achievements. They are the roots of ethical, global-minded citizens.





## FROM HANDS TO HORIZONS: CARRYING VALUES FORWARD



This year's exhibition, *Hands to Horizons*, beautifully captures the essence of both these attributes. **The children's hands have been their tools for building, expressing, testing, and caring. And now, those hands begin to stretch toward new horizons.**

As they prepare for transitions, whether to a new class or a new school, we hope they carry with them not just knowledge but the capacity to reflect, act with principles, and stay connected with the world and one another.



## AT HOME: SUPPORTING PRINCIPLED AND REFLECTIVE LEARNERS

You can nurture these attributes by:

### Encouraging reflection

Ask your child what they're proud of this year, what was hard, and what they want to try next.

### Talking about values

When making decisions as a family, talk openly about fairness, honesty, and respect.

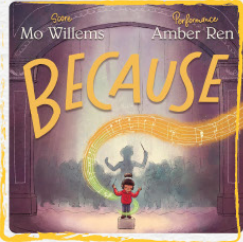
### Celebrating growth

Help your child recognize how much they've changed, not just in what they can do, but in who they are becoming.



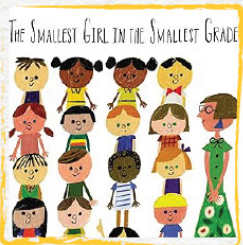


## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



### **“Because” - Mo Willems**

A story about how one small action can lead to unexpected, wonderful outcomes.



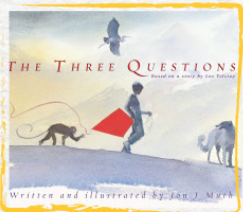
### **“The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade” – Justin Roberts**

A quiet, principled voice can make a big difference.



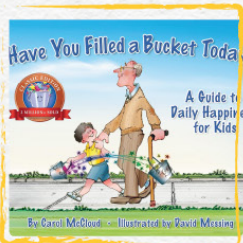
### **“The OK Book” - Amy Krouse Rosenthal**

Encourages self-acceptance and the freedom to try, fail, reflect, and grow.



### **“The Three Questions” – Jon J. Muth**

A thoughtful tale about mindfulness, kindness, and doing what is right.



### **“Have You Filled a Bucket Today?” – Carol McCloud**

A simple yet powerful story about empathy, kindness, and integrity.

## LOOKING AHEAD

As we approach the end of the school year, we send our warmest congratulations to our graduating students. May they step into their next journey with curiosity, courage, and compassion.

And to all our Little Em's children: may your hands continue to create, connect, and reach toward every horizon ahead.

Thank you, families, for a year of trust, partnership, and growth. Here's to the reflection of where we've been and the principled steps forward.

Warm wishes,  
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