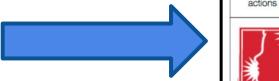
Riverdale Grade **School**



Habits of Mind

Learn more at www.RiverdaleSchool.com/habits



1. Persisting

Stick to it! Persevering in task through to completion: remaining focused. Looking for ways to reach your goal when stuck. Not giving up.



2. Managing **Impulsivity**

Take your time!



3. Listening with understanding and empathy

Understand others!

Devoting mental energy to another person's thoughts and ideas; Make an effort to perceive another's point of view and emotions.



4. Thinking flexibly

Look at it another way!

Being able to change perspectives, generate alternatives. consider options.



5. Thinking about your thinking

(Metacognition)

Know your knowing!

Being aware of your own thoughts, strategies, feelings and actions and their effects on others.



6. Striving for accuracy

Check it again!

Always doing your best. Setting high standards. Checking and finding ways to improve constantly.

Thinking before acting; remaining

calm, thoughtful and deliberative.



7. Questioning and problem posing

How do you know? Having a questioning attitude: knowing

what data are needed & developing questioning strategies to produce those data. Finding problems to solve.



8. Applying past knowledge to new situations

Use what you learn!

Accessing prior knowledge: transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learned.



9. Thinking & communicating with clarity and precision

Be clear!

Strive for accurate communication in both written and oral form: avoiding over-generalizations, distortions, deletions and exaggerations.



10. Gather data through all senses

Use your natural pathways!

Pay attention to the world around you Gather data through all the senses. taste, touch, smell, hearing and sight.



11. Creating, imagining, and innovating

Try a different way!

Generating new and novel ideas, fluency, originality



12. Responding with wonderment and awe

Have fun figuring it out!

Finding the world awesome, mysterious and being intrigued with phenomena and beauty.



13. Taking responsible risks

Venture out!

Being adventuresome; living on the edge of one's competence. Try new things constantly.



14. Finding humor

Laugh a little!

Finding the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected. Being able to laugh at one's self.



15. Thinking interdependently

Work together!

Being able to work in and learn from others in reciprocal situations. Team work.



16. Remaining open to continuous learning

Learn from experiences!

Having humility and pride when admitting we don't know; resisting complacency.

2014-2017 Community Summer Reading Suggestions

Summer of 2014:

Reading in the Wild by Donalyn Miller

The Book Whisperer by Donalyn Miller

Summer of 2015:

Mindset by Carol Dweck

Learning and Leading with Habits of Mind by Arthur L. Costa and Bena

Summer of 2016:

Kallick

Race Matters by Cornel West

Summer of 2017:

The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin

2017-2018 Habits

Core Habits will be a focus at K-2 all year and will begin the year for our

3rd - 8th graders:

-Managing Impulsivity-Listening with Empathy

-Persistence

-Striving for Accuracy

The six remaining habits will rotate in **grades 3-8**, while remaining focused on the four core habits above for the 2017-2018 school year.

-Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations (October)-Thinking about Thinking (November/December)

-Questioning and Posing Problems (January)

-Creating, Imagining, Innovating (February)

-Remaining Open to Continuous Learning (March-April)

-Responding with Wonderment and Awe (May-June)

RGS is on a **two year rotation** of Habits of Mind. Next school year, 2018–2019, the following habits will be a focus at the 3rd – 8th grade levels, replacing the six in the box above: Gathering Data Through All Senses, Thinking and Communicating with

box above: Gathering Data Through All Senses, Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision, Finding Humor, Thinking Interdependently, Taking Responsible Risks, and Thinking Flexibly.