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Thinking Habit	What does it mean?
<p>Thinkers Ask Questions</p> 	<p>Asking questions is an important thinking skill because it provides individuals with more information about a problem or situation. It's important to ask questions in order to make sense of what is unknown or to discover new ways of doing something. Great thinkers ask many questions, recognize the importance of gathering information from many sources and see the value in asking the RIGHT question. They also actively develop strategies to find the answers to their questions.</p>
<p>Thinkers Collaborate with Others</p> 	<p>Collaboration is the ability to play, plan, design, work, learn, and think together. Thinkers choose to collaborate, knowing that the thinking and feedback from others will lead to bigger ideas and more thoughtful solutions. Team members in a collaborative group embrace diverse perspectives of each member and assume different roles in order to achieve group goals.</p>
<p>Thinkers Create and Innovate</p> 	<p>Creativity allows thinkers to turn new and inventive ideas into reality. It involves looking at the world in novel ways to uncover hidden patterns, to make connections between seemingly unrelated phenomena, and to generate solutions. Creativity involves two processes: thinking and producing. If a thinker considers new ideas but doesn't put those ideas into action, he is being imaginative but not creative.</p> <p>Innovation is the implementation of a new or significantly improved product, service, or process that creates value. Innovation begins with creative thinking. Most easily stated, there is no such thing as innovation without creation.</p>
<p>Thinkers Persevere</p> 	<p>Persevere means to keep trying until the end. Thinkers who persevere don't give up or give in when they are frustrated or challenged.</p>
<p>Thinkers Think Flexibly</p> 	<p>Developing the ability to think differently. To see an issue from more than one perspective. To remain open to new ideas that cause you to change your mind. Considering many options for solving a problem.</p>
<p>Thinkers Communicate Ideas with Confidence</p> 	<p>When a thinker presents ideas with confidence, she clearly communicates her thinking so that her audience has a clear understanding of her knowledge, her attitudes, or her processes. Thinkers are able to communicate ideas through speech, writing, design, and modeling. Confident thinkers recognize it's just as important to communicate how they developed an idea or solution as it is to have the right answer because strong communication will allow others to collaborate with them and provide them with meaningful feedback.</p>