

THE LEARNING CODE

This year, I will be encouraging you to *Ask Questions, Be Curious*, and to *Think About Your Learning (reflect)*. These are the expectations for our classroom this year:

1. Learning is a team sport.
2. All learners are expected to participate and contribute daily to the classroom. This will look different for each of you
3. It is the questions that we ask that are often more important than the answers we find. We are here to think.
4. Each of us entitled to our own opinions, but the best opinions are supported by valid evidence and sound reasons.
5. Learning at a higher level is like getting in shape; it takes work and practice over time.
6. Every one of you in this classroom is fair game. I won't only call on people who raise their hands.
7. If and when, I or others challenge your comment, it doesn't mean we don't like you or value you contribution. We're testing the strength of the idea.
8. Looking at things from a different point of view, with an open mind, will help you to expand your thinking.
9. Making mistakes is an expected part of learning. If you never risk making a mistake, you're most likely not to improve. That's why we question answers – in order to improve them.
10. You may find that you are reconsidering things that you thought you understood. That is normal –even desirable.

