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Dear Community and Parents,

December's school-wide "Critical and Creative Thinking Skill" is point of view. Attached is an article which explains the importance of point of view to academic achievement and how we can develop this ability in children. The author of the article is Dr. Carol Horn the k-12 Program Coordinator of the Advanced Academics Office in Fairfax County Public Schools.

Here is the calendar for the remainder of the "Critical and Creative Thinking Skills" that will be taught this year:

Quarter	Month	Critical and Creative Thinking Focus
1 st	September	Questioning
1 st	October	Mindmapping
2 nd	November	Encapsulation
2 nd	December	Point of View
2 nd	January	Visualization
3 rd	February	Decisions & Outcomes
3 rd	March	Analogies
3 rd & 4 th	April	Plus, Minus, Interesting
4 th	May	Fluency, Originality, Flexibility, and Elaboration

Please let me know if you have further questions regarding this topic or any other AAP related issues. Have a wonderful winter holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

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