

# COLLEGE GARDENS



## PARENTS DEVELOPING WRITERS NEWSLETTER

### Profile

Develop the IB Learner Profile attribute of communicators

### Attitudes

Show the PYP attitudes of enthusiasm and commitment

### Skills

Use the writing Approaches to Learning skill

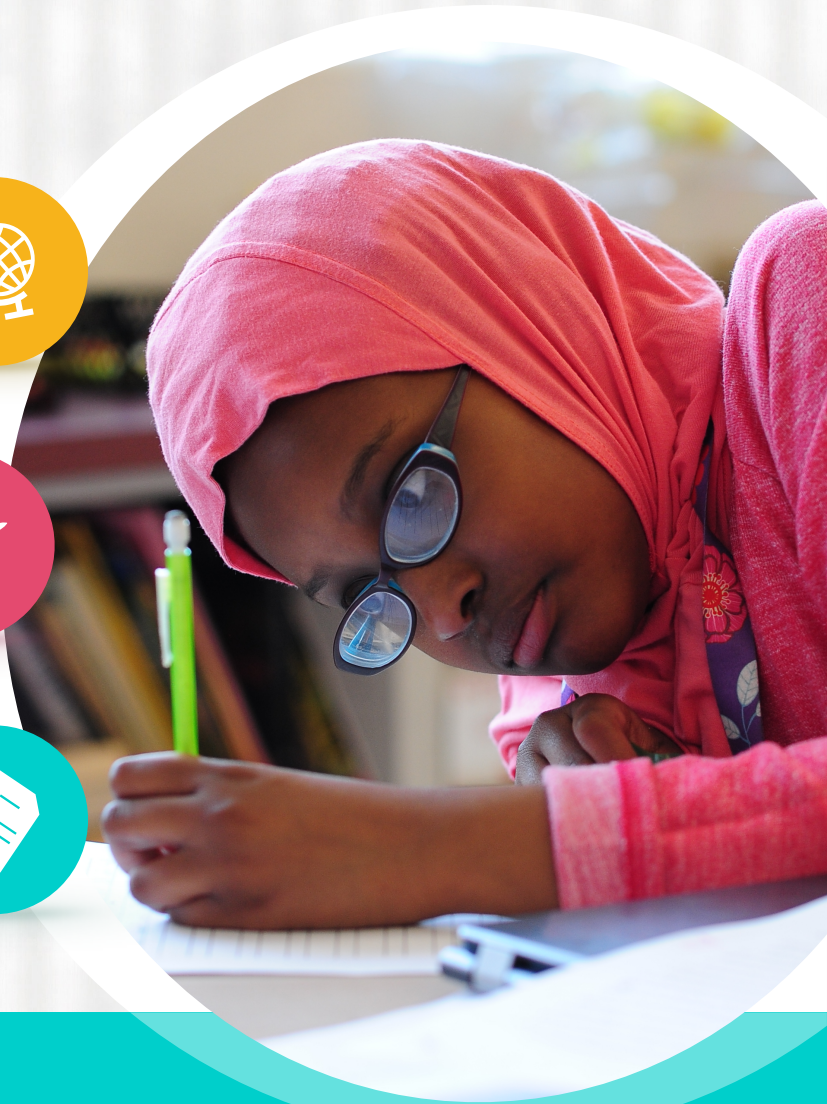
IB Learners are communicators. We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways.



We enjoy learning and willingly put effort into our writing. Commitment to our own learning helps us show self-discipline and responsibility.



We approach learning by recording information and observations, taking notes and paraphrasing, writing summaries and reports, as well as by keeping a journal or log.



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Writing is an essential skill that develops at different rates in each child. It is more than putting words to paper, it is a communication process that plays an important role in your child's life. In order for your children to become skillful writers, it is important that parents and teachers work together. Be aware of the writing instruction occurring in school. Be patient as your child writes. We foster the understanding that ideas are more important than spelling and/or grammar. Support can be in conversations about their ideas to help them discover what they want to say. Consider creating a conducive environment for your child to write and encourage them to write frequently while you praise their efforts. Together we can support IB Communicators who see writing as a tool for learning.

Support your child to become a writer at home with these activities:

- Write letters and postcards
- Send emails
- Keep a journal
- Write in a travel log when taking a trip or vacation
- Use shopping lists
- Read, read, and read!
- Be a writing role model



## Websites to Support Writers at Home

Common Sense Media  
Writing Apps and Websites

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/writing-apps-and-websites>

Scholastic Parents  
Writing Activities

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/see-all/214/260>