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## INNOVATE

Imagine & Create. Build fluency and eloquence of expression. Don't just recycle. **UPCYCLE!** Generate new and novel ideas. Desire and achieve originality.

## Risk Responsibly

Live on the edge of one's competence. Seek out opportunities and possibilities. Be adventuresome. Try new things on a regular basis. Venture outside your comfort zone.

## Strive for Accuracy

Always do your best. Review, revise, and refine. Set high standards. Look for ways to improve constantly. Check it again.

## REFLECT

Think about your thinking. Recognize the thinking strategies you use to accomplish different tasks. Know your knowing. Be aware of your own thoughts, feelings, and actions and their effects on others. Learn how you learn.

## Persist

Remain focused. Look for ways to reach your goals when stuck. Do not give up. Persevere with tasks through to completion. Keep going and going and going...

## Ask Questions

Have an inquiring attitude. Request. Query. Investigate. Challenge. Probe. ASK to succeed. Who? What? Why? Where? When? How? Pose problems.

## Respond with Wonderment and Awe

Find the world awesome & mysterious. Get carried away in and by thought. Be intrigued with phenomena & beauty. Have fun figuring things out.

## Find Solutions

Access & apply past knowledge to solving new problems. Create connections between what you are learning in different situations. Use what you know and learn. Transfer knowledge beyond the context in which it was/is learned. Appreciate that what you learn now will help you in the future.

## Think First

Think before acting. Remain calm, thoughtful and deliberate. Manage impulsivity. Take your time to compose yourself and what you want to say. Always consider the consequences.

## Empathize

Listen with authentic appreciation. Devote mental energy to another person's thoughts and feelings. Want to understand. Put yourself in another's place, and make an honest effort to relate. Hear with your heart. Respond with respect.

## Learn More

Embrace having more to learn. Have humility and pride when admitting you don't know. Resist complacency. Seek out new learning opportunities. Remain open to continuous learning.

## Look at Things Another Way

Think flexibly. Consider other opinions. Generate alternatives. Be able to change perspectives. Explore options.

## Communicate Clearly

Be clear. Aim to communicate carefully and skillfully in both written & oral form. Think & interact with clarity & precision. Avoid overgeneralizations, distortions, deletions and exaggerations. Compose, present, discuss, & express yourself with composure & confidence.

## Find Humor

Laugh. Find the whimsical, incongruous and unexpected. Appreciate the fun in learning. Don't take yourself or any situation too seriously. Bring happiness and joy to others.

Pay Attention  
Gather data through all the senses. See. Hear. Taste. Feel. Smell. Attend to the world around you. Use your natural pathways: mind, body, & spirit. Expand and focus your awareness.

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*"I'm on your team. Be on my team!"*

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