



HABIT OF A SCHOLAR

Each month, SVA recognizes and celebrates student achievement by awarding a “*Habit of a Scholar*” Award and an “*Explorer of the Month*” Award to students from each class.

The “*Habits of a Scholar*” Award is modeled after the work of Dr. Sandra Kaplan of the USC School of Education, who studies the characteristics or set of traits that are present in the lives of life-long learners and successful students. Each month, SVA highlights a particular “*Habit of a Scholar*” – such as “Goal-Setting”, “Curiosity” or “Academic Humility”.

Students exemplifying the month’s highlighted “*Habit of a Scholar*” are selected by their classroom teacher for recognition with a “*Habit of a Scholar*” Award.

“*Explorer of the Month*” Awards are also selected by classroom teachers who would like to recognize one of their students who exemplify the SVA mission -- based on academics, citizenship, or other admirable traits.

The SVA Awards assembly is held once a month – family and friends of award recipients are invited to attend.

Habit of a Scholar

Preparation

and

Academic Humility

The OCCASION is Piled High
with Difficulty. As our Case IS
NEW, so we must Think Anew,
and Act Anew. We MUST
Disenthrall Ourselves,
and
THEN WE SHALL SAVE our
COUNTRY.

A. Lincoln
1862

SYCAMORE
VALLEY
ACADEMY

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER



Habit of a Scholar

PERSEVERANCE

per·se·ver·ance

noun

[pur-suh-veer-uhns]

*steady persistence in
a course of action, a
purpose, a state, etc.,
especially in spite of
difficulties, obstacles,
or discouragement*



CONTINUOUS EFFORT
NOT STRENGTH OR INTELLIGENCE
IS THE KEY TO UNLOCKING
OUR POTENTIAL

Winston Churchill



OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

GOAL-SETTING

goal noun [/gōl/]
something that you
are trying to do
or achieve;
the object of a person's
ambition or effort;
an aim or desired result;
the destination
of a journey

"Every great wizard
in history started out
as nothing more
than what we are now,
students.
If they can do it,
why not us?"

—J. K. Rowling

aim
target effort
intention dream
object
purpose
objective ideal achieve

aim
target effort
intention dream
object
purpose
objective ideal achieve
aspiration
result
plan
ambition
grail
meaning
point
intent
idea
design
journey project
hope

Pondering Ideas



**“Why are there so many songs about rainbows
And what’s on the other side?”
- Kermit the Frog**

DECEMBER

Habit of a Scholar

ponder

verb

pon·der

*think about
(something)
carefully,
especially
before
making a
decision or
reaching a
conclusion.*

synonyms:
think about,
contemplate,
consider,
review, reflect
on, mull over,
meditate on,
muse on,
deliberate about,
dwell on,
puzzle over,
turn over in
one's mind

idea

noun

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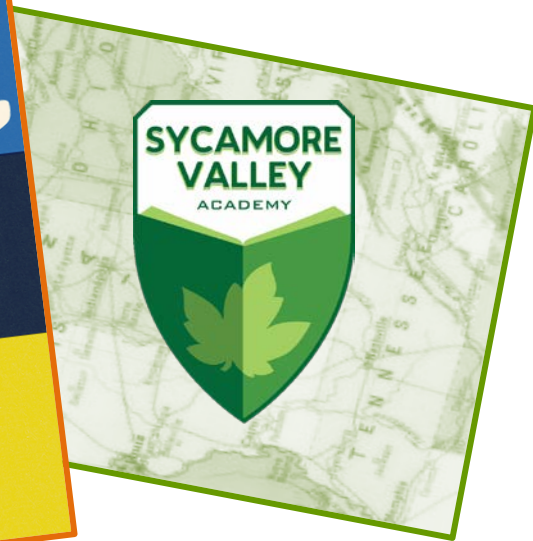
*a
thought
or
suggestion
as
to a
possible
course
of
action.*

synonyms:
plan, scheme,
design,
proposal,
proposition,
suggestion,
action point,
vision



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INTELLECTUAL RISK TAKING



"You will always find those who think they know what is your duty better than you know it. . . There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide . . . the power which resides in him is new in nature, knows what that is which he can do, nor does he know until he has tried."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

JANUARY

EXCELLENCE

FEBRUARY

we are what we
REPEATEDLY
do
EXCELLENCE,
therefore,
IS NOT AN ACT,
BUT A
HABIT
-ARISTOTLE



excellence noun ex·cel·lence 'eks(ə)ləns/

the quality of being outstanding or extremely good.

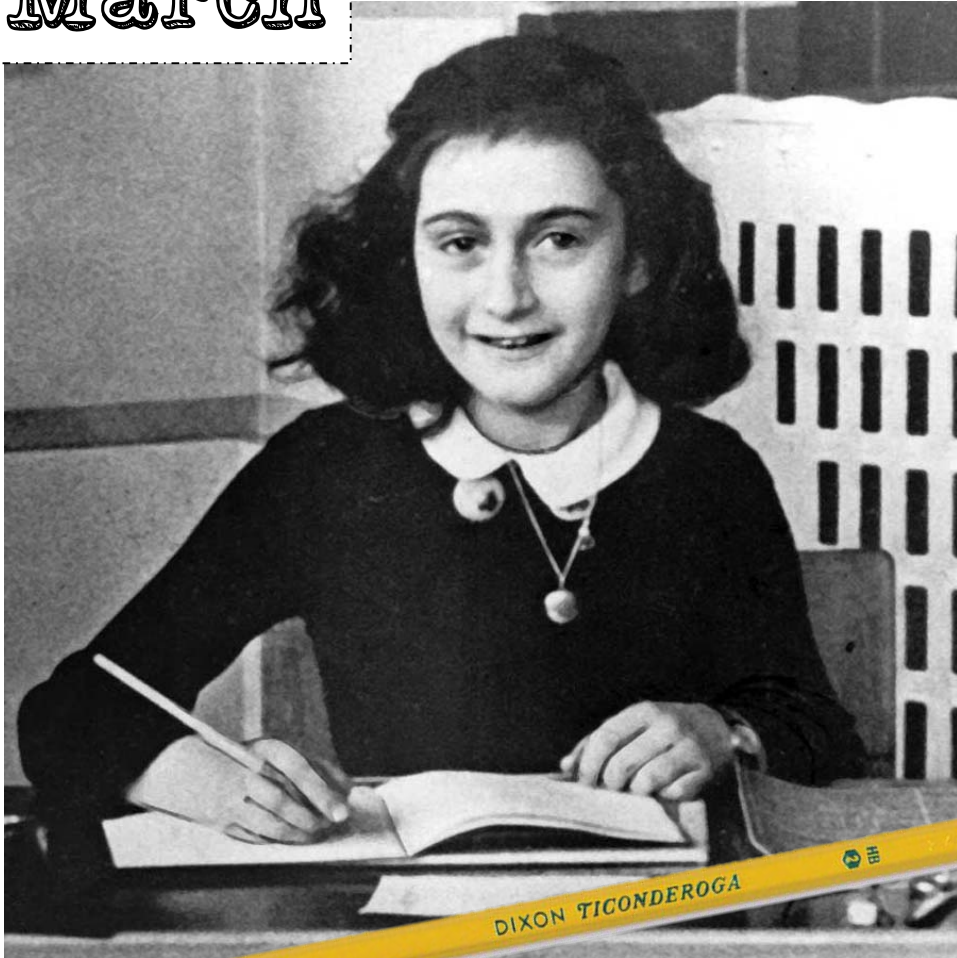
synonyms: distinction, quality, superiority, brilliance, greatness, merit, caliber, eminence, preeminence, supremacy; skill, talent, virtuosity, accomplishment, mastery



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March



For someone
like me,
it is a very strange
habit
to write in a diary.
Not only that I have
never written before,
but it strikes me that
later neither I,
nor anyone
else,
will care for the
outpouring
of a thirteen year old schoolgirl.

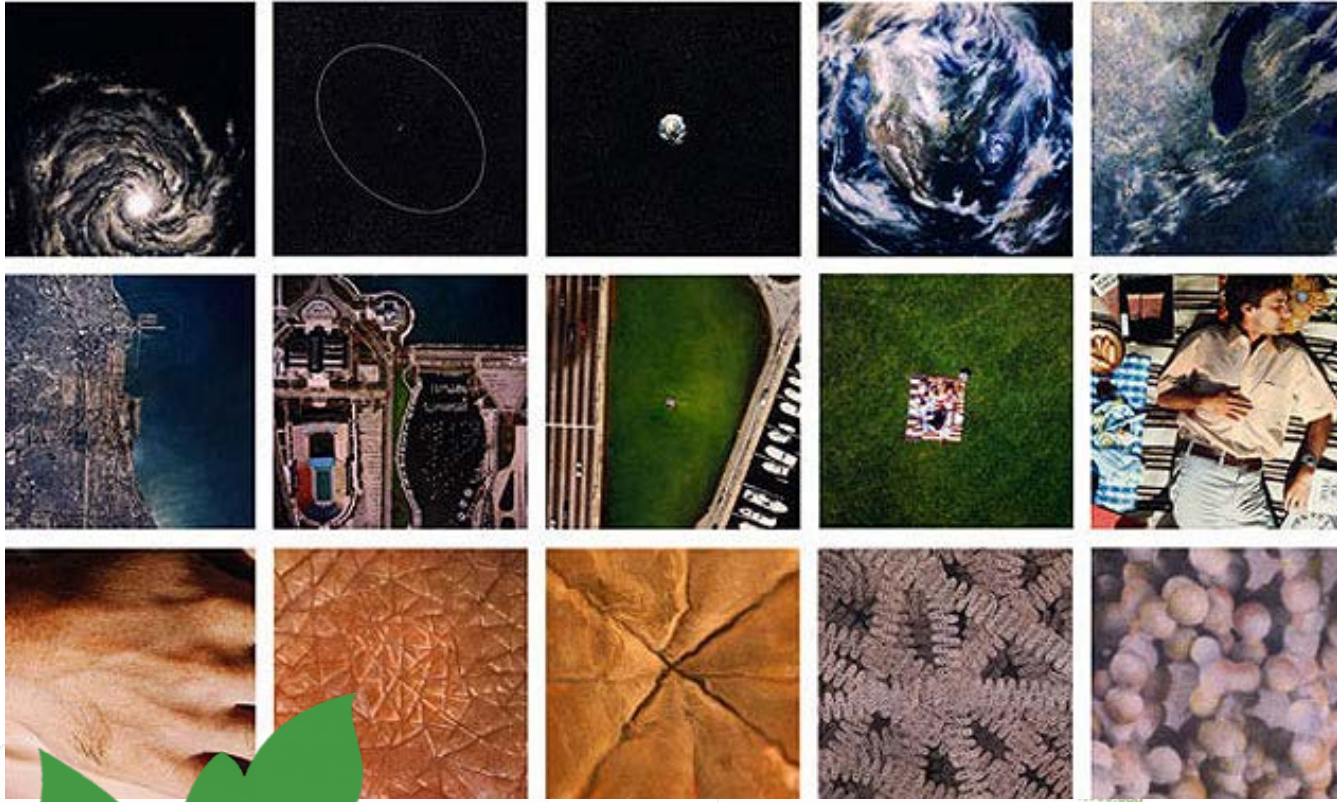
- Anne Frank,
The Diary of a Young Girl



Saving Ideas



Habit of a Scholar



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**Multiple
Perspectives
and
Using Varied Resources**

"Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact.

Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."

Marcus Aurelius



CURIOSITY

Habit of a Scholar



**"I HAVE NO SPECIAL TALENT.
I AM ONLY PASSIONATELY CURIOUS."**

- ALBERT EINSTEIN



May & June