

Our school story links to College Park's motto of ...



'Children Playing, Improving & Smiling'

and echoes the **C**ollege **P**ark **I**nfant **S**chool initials in our learning values of

Creativity

Perseverance

Independence

Success

THE PARABLE OF THE PENCIL



In the darkest cellar of a workshop, on a wooden stool, sat a lonely, but wise, woodworker. He sat and he thought and he pondered.

"I need to come up with a new idea"

"I know" he exclaimed.

"I can make some special pencils for College Park Infant School."

"Hmmm. I need to make not 1, not 2, not even 3, but 4 extraordinary pencils, each with a meaning."

So, he turned and he carved and he painted 4 new pencils, each with a golden stripe. When he finished he stood back and admired his work.

"Number 1 – You will write, draw, design and record thoughts and ideas show CREATIVITY."

"Number 2 – You will remind us it is always possible to correct the mistakes you make show PERSEVERANCE."

"Number 3 – You will remind us, what is important is what is inside of us show INDEPENDENCE."

"Hmmm, Number 4 – In life, you will undergo changes and sharpenings which make you better show SUCCESS."

"Now everyone" commanded the woodworker "To be the best pencil you can be, you must allow yourself to be guided by the hand that holds you AND ... remember, our school will support, care and educate you to ensure that there will be CHILDREN PLAYING IMPROVING AND SMILING!"

He carefully gathered the pencils together and laid them in a box. He wrote the address, with a big black pen and neatly stuck a stamp in the corner.

Luckily, they arrived just in time for the start of a new school year. Now they can see children at College Park Infant School *Playing, Improving and Smiling!*

The End



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