

# Paradigms

As a [Progressive](#) School, we have 5 Core Paradigms that drive our decisions, behaviors, and results. A paradigm is simply the way we “see” things. These 5 Core Paradigms include:

- Everyone can be a leader.
- Everyone has genius.
- Change starts with me.
- Empower students to lead their own learning.
- Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

These paradigms or “the way we see things” at our school drive our everyday interaction with not only your student, but ourselves too. A partnership with families supports our ability for students to lead their own educational journey—empowering them to be responsible, reflective, and active in their learning experiences.

The great news about paradigms is that they are also powerful at home! When you operate through these five paradigms in your own life, you are communicating your own value as well as encouraging greatness in your student.

Ways to engage your family in these paradigms can include:

PARADIGM	ACTIVITY
Everyone can be a leader.	Recognize that you are a leader. Reflect on your strengths and the strengths of your family members.
Everyone has genius.	Ask your student what their unique genius is.
Change starts with me.	Discuss how each member of the family has shown personal responsibility for their actions and choices.
Empower students to lead their own learning.	Empower your student at home to be “in charge” of their learning experience by asking questions rather than just always giving them the answer.
Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.	Reflect on how you take care of your mind, body, heart, and spirit and share that with other members of your family.