MISSION
The mission of Kendall-Whittier Elementary School is that families, educators, community members and students join together for student success.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Kendall-Whittier Elementary proudly offers a wide array of special enrichment classes and clubs for our students to go above and beyond. Students get to choose between art, two music classes, two gym classes and a computer coding class for their elective. Students also have the opportunity after school to perform across the city with the World Drummers club, get free instrument lessons through the Harmony Project or interact with live zoo animals through the “Zoo 2 U” Club.

STRONG PARTNERS IN EDUCATION
We depend on our partners in education to thrive, and we are proud to be a Growing Together school. Through the support of this organization, we are able to provide opportunities our students wouldn’t otherwise have and show them the value of being in a community. Representatives from partner companies meet with the Kendall-Whittier staff three times per year and support our academic endeavors by providing teacher supplies, gifts and holiday packages for students and their families. Our partners also make it possible to host monthly family night events, such as Literacy Night, STEAM Night, Skateland, dances and our annual Fall Carnival. In addition, we have a faithful group of volunteers who participate in Reading Partners, which provides one-to-one literacy tutoring our scholars.
functioned as a one-way dual language school, helping native Spanish-speaking students build fluency and comprehension through daily interactions in both English and Spanish.

Next year, we are proud to offer a two-way dual language program in which Pre-K and kindergarten students will become bilingual in both English and Spanish. Students enrolled in the program will learn to read first in their dominant language. Then, they will spend equal amounts of time studying Language Arts in English and in Spanish. Math will be taught in English, and Science and Social Studies will be taught in Spanish. Students will build fluency and comprehension through daily interactions in both languages with both English and Spanish dominant students. Our school will add one grade level each year in our two-way dual language program as these students progress. The one-way dual language program will continue until all grade levels are added one year at a time to become two-way.

Bilingual children who are educated in their second language have been seen to outperform single language children in their native language. Bilingualism increases brain cognition by utilizing the highest levels of thinking, focus, and awareness.