Emerson Elementary

Tiger Pride - Orgullo de Tigre

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Today

Our students are the heart of our why at Emerson. We embrace an attitude of continuous learning and improvement, and strive to engage our families through a variety of platforms. We are proud of our diverse community. With our Apple technology, we cultivate learning environments that encourage students to work collaboratively, seek to be innovative, and connect with authentic audiences. As part of a campus building, our students come back to visit us from middle school and share their achievements and check in with their former teachers. Our instructional coaching team has helped to develop impactful strategies in the classroom leading to learning growth and success. Emerson's Tiger pride shines through all that we do!

Vision

Emerson Elementary is proud to be a culturally responsive, dual language school designing innovative learning experiences that serve the whole child. The diverse students of Emerson use Apple Technology and one to one iPad, to form meaningful connections with their peers, community, and cultural identities. Our children think critically about the world and create artifacts that matter to tell their own stories and have a positive impact on their world. We celebrate the growth, success, and unique talents of our students and learning community. Our staff engage in meaningful professional learning, learn from each other, and are encouraged to take risks and model for students and all stakeholders.







Demographics

- Title I Public School
- Kindergarten-5th Grade
- Dual Language
- 40 Staff
- 303 Students
- Apple Teacher



Apple Tools & Services

- MacBook
- iPad
- Apple TV
- Logitech Crayon
- Apple Professional Learning



Learning

Innovation:
We take pride in innovative teaching and learning practices that transcend our classrooms. Teachers have taken on the role of student this year, exploring and incorporating the Elements of Learning. Implementation of innovative lessons are seen in our classrooms, daily. Our fourth grade students researched and responded to artwork. Students connected with artist Bisa Butler, to learn more about her creative process, and share student-created replicas of her work. Students utilized a platform of their choice through Apple Technology to share out with district stakeholders. Students researched and created interactive QR codes for Women's History Month and designed State Float projects.

Collaboration:
Working with instructional coaches and our Apple Learning Specialist, staff engaged in meaningful coaching cycles to further our collaborative culture. Kindergarteners were able to utilize Clips to create videos that helped them capture, practice, and learn new sight words while going on a scavenger hunt. Second grade dual language students conducted a research project on animal habitats. Using bilingual texts, students became news anchors reporting on climate, environment, animals and plant life. Students acquired new skills, such as video recording, AirDrop, and created informational videos using the Touchcast app. These videos were then shared with their school community through QR codes and were posted to Seesaw to share with families. Fourth grade students investigated soil samples from our Emerson grounds, created a hypothesis for the type of soil that would be best to grow plants in, and completed an experiment to test their hypothesis. After experimenting and finding out the best soil to use, students used that soil to plant sunflowers along our school building.

Success

Supportive Environment:
Family and community partnerships are an integral part of our daily practice. Families connect through the use of our Apple Technology and school platforms. Bedtime stories and cooking classes are accessed through Zoom, choir performances that highlight each grade level at Emerson are live streamed and made available to families through our SeeSaw platform. Our talent show was performed virtually this past year, when over 50% of our students were learning remotely. We are proud to be the only school outside of Chicago Public Schools to have a partnership with Chicago Runs. Our students complete training throughout the year and families also participate in family fun runs. Our families stay up-to-date and are welcomed to our Emerson campus through our weekly newsletter. Our success and efforts are a true collaborative partnership and we are so thankful for the many supports for our students and families!



What's Next

At Emerson this year, our staff worked to build a common understanding of collective efficacy to best support our students, community, and each other. With the creation of our Emerson Look Book staff shared their area of expertise in the classroom, passions, and hobbies to grow our community and learn from one another. Through our book study and reflective work, staff showcased their takeaways. Coming this fall, we will build on our Elements of Learning work with all staff walk-throughs for literacy and math. We are developing this action plan with our School Improvement Planning team, our LEADE teachers and Apple Learning Specialist to continue to give our students every equitable opportunity during their journey at Emerson Elementary.

