Hiawatha Elementary School

Dream, Believe, Achieve

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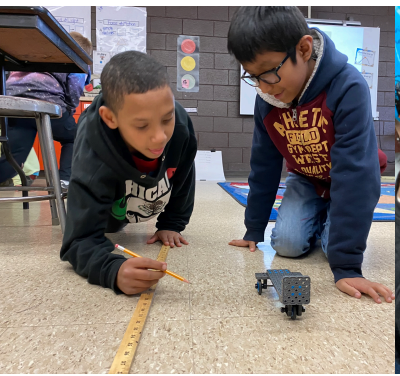
Today

Dream, Believe, Achieve are words we live by every day at Hiawatha School. As we celebrate 110 years of being a preschool through fifth grade dual language school, we continue to push the boundaries and rethink what education can look like for our students, staff, and community. Hiawatha School may be the oldest school in our community, but inside we learn in ways that have never been imagined. Students embrace choice in their learning and teachers take on a coaching role with their students. Students and staff feel safe to be vulnerable and take risks with their learning. A day at Hiawatha would entail observing a culture of creation, collaboration, openness to diversity and most importantly having fun while learning.

Vision



Our teachers reimagine what learning looks like and keep students at the center of every decision. To innovate means to change the way we see the world and alter the way we do things. Educators push learning beyond the four walls of our classrooms to empower learners to build relationships and a stronger sense of community. It is our belief to become an innovator, you must be a risk taker, vulnerable and a forward thinker. Staff, students, and families continue to strive to embody these traits. The past two years proved that to be true, more than ever. Innovation doesn't always come in big culminating projects; it's the small moments, the intentional choices we make, that create the monumental difference.







Who We Are

- Title I Public School
- Pre-K - 5th Grade
- Dual Language
- Inclusion
- 383 Students
- 53 Staff
- Apple Distinguished School since '12

Apple Tools and Services

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

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Learning

Over the past two years, the use of technology has changed from a tool to a necessity in our classrooms. During the pandemic, the iPad was our main line of communication to keep connected to our students and families. Teachers quickly reimagined learning and began to teach in new, innovative ways. Teachers used SeeSaw to deliver lessons, assess students and check in using video recording. Students took ownership of their learning by setting alarms on the iPad, joining Zoom calls for class and using their iPad as a creation tool while at home. Most importantly, learning didn't stop and neither did the opportunity for students to create!

At Hiawatha, we begin each morning with announcements that are delivered through Keynote Live. Teachers mirror the announcements through their Apple TV and watch together as a class, which builds community not only within the classroom, but as a whole school. The use of technology has enriched our instruction as we work to implement the *Elements of Learning* in our weekly lesson design. We have focused greatly on student creation and communication. As educators we know when students are given opportunities to create engage with an authentic audience, they deepen their understanding of the content and increase the learning experience. The use of Keynote, Clips, Book Creator, School Work and Apple Classroom are just a few ways learning is enhanced at our school.

Success

We strive to improve instruction and ensure that our students' needs are at the forefront of all decisions. We meet as a staff through weekly professional development and at grade level PLC meetings that focus on curriculum and instruction, student assessments, and how technology can continue to push us forward using the *Elements of Learning*. Through the Learning Technologies Survey, we found many successes to celebrate and other areas for continued growth. Teamwork and personalization of learning are strengths of our staff and to no surprise, as students are always using the iPad to create and work together on a shared product as well as individually working on tasks that vary for each student and allow for student choice.



Fifth grade students partnered up with first grade students to learn how to use Clips.

What's Next

We will strive to continuously increase the rigor in our instruction and incorporate the *Elements of Learning* into our lesson design. In our 2021 5Essentials data, we saw an increase in the category of ambitious instruction from strong to very strong. Technology will pave the way to success in our school and will allow us to grow and improve student learning. We will rely on collaboration among our teams and the expertise of coaches to help elevate differentiated instruction while giving student's choice in their learning. We will strengthen our PLC meetings to ensure we are analyzing student work, finding celebrations and opportunities for growth. Hiawatha will continue to live up to its vision: *Dream, Believe, Achieve!*





