



State of the School

READ TO GROW
Readers Grow. Leaders Soar.

JAMES RUSSELL 51, A MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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BELONG.
LEARN.
GROW.
SOAR.



WHO WE ARE BY THE NUMBERS



315 students
Pre-K – 5



Approximately
60% African American
30% Latinx
10% White



28% receive
ENL services



22.2% receive special
education services
10.5% Special Programs
11.7% Inclusion

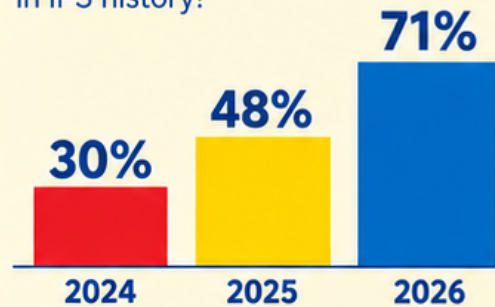


68 adults serving our children
34 certified staff
32 classified staff
2 administrators



IREAD-3: A STORY OF REAL PROGRESS

From 30% to 71%—our highest result
ever and one of the strongest gains
in IPS history!



Our 2026 IREAD-3 result of
71% is the highest in our Montessori
history and one of the strongest
gains in IPS.



OUR INITIATIVES



Read to Grow

- UFLI and Walk-to-Read
- Early literacy for all (PK–5)
- High-quality, evidence-based instruction



Montessori Excellence

- Prepared environments
- Independence and self-direction
- Confident, capable learners



Big Ten Partnership

- Expanding opportunities
- College and career exposure
- Inspiring our students to see what's possible



Whole Child, Whole Future

- Academic, social, and emotional support
- Inclusive and welcoming community
- Enriching experiences inside and beyond the classroom



WHAT WE NEED FROM FAMILIES



Make school attendance
a priority.



Arrive on time and pick up
on time.



Talk with your child about
their learning.



Read together every day.



Partner with us and
share your ideas.



Stay connected through
Kinvo, newsletters,
and school events.

*Together,
we make the difference!*



WHAT WE BELIEVE



Every child belongs.



All children can achieve at high levels.



Prepared adults change outcomes.



Montessori empowers children to
find purpose and reach their potential.



A diverse, inclusive community
is our strength.



OUR VISION IN ACTION



STRONG READERS

Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders.



BRIGHT FUTURES

Big dreams. Real opportunities.



THRIVING COMMUNITY

Supported children. Stronger neighborhoods.
A more vibrant Indianapolis.



OUR COMMITMENT

We will continue to work with
determination, positivity, and purpose.
We will not accept predictions
about what children can achieve.

At James Russell 51, a Montessori School,
we believe in our students, our families,
and our community.

Together, we are building a brighter
future — one reader, one learner,
one leader at a time.

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