



Emerson Elementary School

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Dear Emerson Community,

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! I hope this summer has been one filled with good health and opportunities that spark joy. I have enjoyed spending time with family, working in my garden, and getting to know Emerson staff members and families. Our team has been working hard to plan for what promises to be an unprecedented school year! This year will be one of great innovation in teaching and learning, where we will build relationships and community in a virtual setting. We are committed to supporting our students to maximize their academic achievement while nurturing their social emotional health.

Our year will look different than ever before. We will be trying new things, taking risks with new ideas and new strategies. We encourage you to partner with us along the way! What we know for sure-

1. We have the collective strength and knowledge to support each other, our students, and their families through an unprecedented, unexpected, and un-*everything* situation.
2. That strength and knowledge includes the creative thinking of almost 80 staff members that we can tap into to rethink what schooling looks like, and to make positive and significant strides in student learning.
3. We are a community that is resilient, persistent, and perpetually positive. We are committed to advancing student achievement.

Emerson is focused on developing our collective efficacy; learning together to ensure clarity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. We have established an Instructional Leadership Team to develop leadership capacity in every area of our school. These team leaders are leading Professional Learning Communities using data to inform instruction to promote student achievement, to develop strong relationships, and to foster a sense of belonging for everyone in our community including students, families, and staff.

Our theme for this school year is **BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, TOGETHER**. We believe in ourselves, in our students, and in our community. We will strive for clarity to achieve our goals, and we will work together to succeed!

We look forward to a fantastic year of teaching and learning!

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