



EMERSON ELEMENTARY

A PUBLIC MONTESSORI SCHOOL

EQUITY CHARACTER EXCELLENCE TEAM JOY

Welcome back Emerson Families!

We are so excited about the upcoming school year! We have been hard at work updating and creating new ways to communicate with families to ensure a smooth transition into the 2019-2020 school year.

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Beckham have collaboratively worked this summer to bring the two teaching methods at our school together. This collaboration is aligned to our newly adopted vision for Emerson.

Emerson Mission

Emerson Elementary provides a holistic, Montessori education experience for all students. Students are empowered to take ownership of their learning and lead the way in peacemaking. As constructive members of their community, students are confident in who they are and who they will become. Each student is uniquely prepared to pursue big dreams and endless possibilities.

With our new vision we have landed on two priorities for the upcoming school year based on data, survey, feedback and observation. Our 1st priority is reading instruction. Our 2nd priority is empowering students to manage their own behavior. Throughout the school year we will offer ongoing parent and caregiver education classes to help support our families as they walk alongside us in this work.

We are committed to our students, our families, and our community. We are grateful that you trust us with your greatest possessions (your babies). We don't take this lightly, and we will continue to work hard and make everyday a great day of learning!

Attached is our upcoming schedule, supply lists by levels and uniform requirements.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Taylor
Mrs. Beckham

DESTINATION EXCELLENCE

August Dates to Remember

August 6th	Fun at the Park sponsored by 1st Pres.
August 15th 4:15-5:30	Phase-in for all prek and kindergarten students
August 19th 3:00-4:15	Phase-in for 1st grade and all new 2nd & 3rd grade students
August 19th 4:30-6:00	All School Back to School Night
August 20th 3:00-4:15	Phase-in for Returning 2nd and 3rd Grade Students
August 21	First day of school (K-6th) 7:30am
August 23rd	First day of school (PreK) 7:30
August 29	All School Open House/ Celebrating Maria Montessori's birthday 4-6PM
September 2nd	NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

(Please bring supplies to back to school night)



Emerson Elementary Phase-In

An Orientation for Montessori students

What is Phase-In?

Montessori Phase-In allows children who are new to the classroom to get an overview of how things work in the classroom, while the returning children receive reinforcement of the previous year's ground rules.

Why are we doing a Phase-In?

Phase-In sets the stage for a successful year of learning. New friends are able to become familiar with the classroom layout while returning friends will observe any classroom changes.

Phase-In also provides a gentler transition from time spent at home with family to time spent at school with less familiar teachers and friends.

What to expect at Phase-In?

While children are attending our one hour Phase-In in their classroom, parents and caregivers will have an opportunity to get to know each other, sign up for volunteer opportunities and ask questions.

When you arrive, please drop your child off at their classroom and head to the cafeteria for a parent orientation. Please plan to arrive on time so that we can spend as much time as possible preparing for a successful school year with the children.

Emerson Phase-In Schedule

Please attend based on your student's grade level for the 2019-2020 school year.

August 15th 4:15-5:30	All PreK and Kindergarten
August 19th 3:00-4:15	All 1st Grade and New 2nd and 3rd Grade Students
August 20th 3:00-4:15	All Returning 2nd and 3rd Graders

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us! We look forward to the start of a new school year and hope to see each and everyone at Phase-In!

-The Emerson Team

Montessori Supply List 2019-20

Montessori Children's House (Pk-K)

Need list:

One box of tissues
One package of white copy paper
12 count of colored pencils (favorite choice is Prismacolor or other high quality pencils)
Zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size: 1 of each)
One package of baby wipes
Paper towels

Change of uniform clothes, socks, and underpants in a zip lock bag with child's name
Free standing framed family picture (will be returned at the end of the year)

Wish List

Bar of hypoallergenic soap
Dish Soap
Zip lock bags (gallon, quart and snack size: 2 or more)
One package of sponges without scrubber
Pack of white wash clothes
Package of white card stock
Safety Pins
Coffee Filters



Lower Elementary Wish List

⇒ If possible, please bring supplies with your child's name written on them to student Phase in and Parent Orientation (First Years- August 19th, Returning Students: August 20th)

Supplies*	Optional Items to Support Our Classroom Environment and Learning
Kleenex	Two, fabric pencil bags with zipper and three holes for binders.
Roll of Paper Towels	Extra uniform to leave in locker (labeled with name)
1-2 Canister of disinfectant wipes	Dish towels for drying (earth tones)
1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer	Washcloths for cleaning (earth tones)
1 Package of White Copy Paper	A sweater or zip-up jacket in uniform colors (no logo or decoration) to wear in the school building if your child tends to get cold.
	Prisma Colored Pencils
	Glue sticks and/or Elmer's liquid glue
	Ziplock baggies - Quart -Gallon
	Magic Erasers
	Unscented laundry soap Dish soap

*If these supplies are a hardship for your family in any way, please let us know so we can assist.

Please be mindful when purchasing backpacks that they need to fit into the following parameters. Lockers measure 10" in width by 10" in depth and 16" from backpack hook to base of locker. They will also be hanging jackets therefore full size backpacks will not fit well.

Upper Elementary Supply list

- Kleenex (3)
- Hand sanitizer (3)
- Clorox wipes (2)
- Paper towels (3)

Emerson Uniform Policy

Tops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colored, button down polo (no logo) in blue, yellow/gold Sweatshirts and sweaters /cardigans (no logo) must be uniform colors. 1 undershirt may be worn, must be white tucked. School shirts may only be worn on Fridays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>NO Hoodies or Vests</i>
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slacks/Shorts/Skirts/Jumpers in Khaki or Navy Shorts are to be worn under dresses during PE. Plain white, navy, black, khaki leggings can be worn under skirts. Extremely tight shorts, pants (skinny jeans/skinny uniform pants) or excessively large or baggy clothing are not allowed. Pants and shorts shall be worn at the waist. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Leggings and dark colored jeans <u>are not</u> considered appropriate uniform pants.</i>
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis shoes are encouraged, especially since our students all attend gym. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>NO high heels, backless shoes, flip flops/house shoes, shower shoes, cleats, or roller shoes.</i>
Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, purses, backpacks, and fanny packs must be stored in student lockers. These items <u>will not</u> be allowed in the classrooms. Hats, caps, curlers, sweatbands, bandanas, or scarves may not be worn within the school building unless prescribed by a physician and approved by the school administration. Clear backpacks (preferred), no backpacks with wheels. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Please be mindful that student lockers are small. The lockers measure 10" in width and 10" in depth and 16" from backpack hook to base of locker.</i>