

Being a New Family at Emerson

PARENT QUOTES FROM THE FIRST WEEKS

Our oldest child never liked going to school. We struggled with him for years until we finally decided to pull him out of his previous school and look elsewhere. That's how we ended up at Emerson. The morning struggles are now over and he told me the other day that "every day he goes to Emerson is the best day of his life". We asked him what he likes most about his new school and he answered "Everything". We are truly impressed.

– KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE PARENT

Everyone we have met has given us such a friendly welcome and it is much appreciated. From just the first four days, my son is feeling like the school is a good fit for him. My husband and I can see what's special about Emerson and we are beginning to discuss our daughter attending in the future too.

– 3RD GRADE PARENT

Our son's first week has been phenomenal and he is having a wonderful time. We have found everyone to be so welcoming.

– 5TH GRADE PARENT

We are incredibly impressed with the warm welcome our daughter and we are feeling. The enthusiasm for school and learning she is coming home with each afternoon. Even Lenny and gym are having an impact on her—she really wants to make running that mile easy; we have set some goals to work on at home so she can achieve running a mile with ease and in good time.

– 3RD GRADE PARENT

Our son had a great first week! We could not be any happier with our Emerson experience so far. Everyone has been so kind and welcoming and it really feels like Emerson is a great fit for him. Thank you so much!

– 2ND GRADE PARENT

Our son is very excited, as are we, to be a part of the Emerson community. Experiencing the new student orientation and curriculum night helped ease a lot of our anxiety. It is clearly a tight and well organized community.

Our son is definitely going to be challenged. Especially with his homeroom teacher. The class is so focused on writing and reading, which are our son's two biggest challenges. I am excited to see what she can do with him and I can't wait to see some of his habits toward those subjects change.

– 5TH GRADE PARENT

Our daughter enjoyed her new school very much during the first week. On the second day, she asked to stay at school for lunch; on the third day, she asked to stay for after school. She just wanted to stay at school for long time and doesn't want to leave. She also took the school bus on Thursday morning and enjoyed it a lot, also wanted to take the bus everyday. A 7th grade girl taking the same bus helped our daughter to the library, I appreciated that a lot. Yesterday, our daughter said "kindergarten has more fun than preschool!" I would like to thank all the teachers for making our daughter so comfortable for the new start.

– KINDERGARTEN PARENT

She had a wonderful first week and seems to really be enjoying herself. She loved summer camp at Emerson too! Overall, we've been really impressed with the faculty and staff at Emerson. There have been lots of small details that made a big difference to us. A few examples:

- The summer camp folks knew that she was starting school at Emerson this fall and made sure to tell us that they were looking forward to having her.*
- The teachers at Curriculum Night, even specials teachers(!), knew her name and welcomed us*
- We love the drive to create a community*

There are many other examples too! Overall, our experience has been outstanding and we are grateful for the effort it takes to make it so.

– 1ST GRADE PARENT

Our son had a very good first week. The half day camp was very helpful for him to get oriented to the school. His teachers are very supportive and caring. The amazing people at Emerson made the transition much easier for our son and for me. We look forward to a wonderful year and the only precious year with both of our children on the same schedule!

– KINDERGARTEN AND 5TH GRADE PARENT

Our two children are adapting fast and they clearly enjoy going to school in the morning, even though they feel tired after a busy first week of school. We were expecting some tears and resistance from our kindergartener, but he is a happy camper every time I go pick him up, which is truly amazing. They both like their teachers, they seem to enjoy the classroom activities and they are getting to know their classmates. We couldn't be more pleased.

– KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE PARENT

Our son has been coming home with a giant smile on his face telling us what a great day he had. As a matter of fact, on Thursday, he didn't even want to come home as he and his new friend went to the library to work on a sketching company they created. I believe it's called SketchOut Animation and I am fairly certain it is about Bigfoot going up against El chupacabra.

He really likes Mrs. Ruth and her classroom environment, which is geared toward eliminating or neutralizing all factors that may cause such young kids anxiety and interfere with their learning. He is especially enjoying Mr. Wilson's class, who, in his first class recreated our son's sensory fidget and is allowing us to bring in a swamp sample for Monday.

I could go on and on detailing our wonderful experiences (e.g. that he has already started to speak French to us at home) but that would make this email too long, and I still have to bake bread for our playdate with some of our classmates this afternoon... :)

As you can see, it is going great! We are happy to be here and we are thrilled to see our son being happy at school!

Another note: When our son visited Emerson last year and we asked him about his impression, he said: "It was great! The classroom was quiet and they kept my brain busy all day." That, coming from our then 6 year old, was the greatest confirmation to us that Emerson is the right choice for him.

– 2ND GRADE PARENT