

McKINLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S

EMPOWER

6TH GRADE PROGRAM

EMPOWERing students through personal inquiry, real-world experiences, and caring environment while challenging students to make a difference in our community.

EMPOWER's Mission

- Support transition from elementary to middle school
- Build student and adult relationships
- Provide 21st Century approach to instruction and assessment
- Deliver social-emotional learning to all students
- Celebrate student and teacher success
- Create community partnerships



Instructional Practices

- Learning targets & scales
- Learning portfolios
- Technology integration
- Linking student learning to real world experiences
- Multi-disciplinary units
- Problem-based learning
- Blending learning
- Field trips and guest speakers
- Exploratory integration

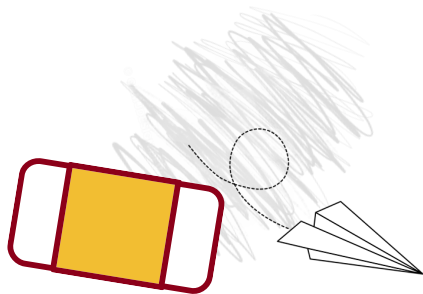




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Social Emotional Learning

- Mindfulness practices at the start of each day
- Mind and Body break after lunch
- Teacher and student celebrations
- Community and parent nights
- Themes
- Afterschool programs
- Mentor program
- Student government



It all started with a doodle

EMPOWER's Organization

- All core classes in one hallway
- Two teams of 3-4 teachers
- 83 minute blocks of two core classes (3 rotations per day)
- No bells
- Music classes provided outside of EMPOWER; exploratory classes provided in and outside of EMPOWER
- Teachers provided with collaboration and preparatory periods

