



Parent Handout on Benefits of ELM

What we do in the classroom...

What you can see in your child...

Curriculum Standards

- Displays and applies learning at high levels with deep understanding
- Meets the standards for the grade level or courses each year

Communication

- Expresses him/herself well in small and large group situations
- Utilizes effective verbal skills, including during presentations
- Utilizes effective written skills, in formal and casual settings
- Utilizes technology tools for effective and appropriate communication

Leadership

- Ability to serve as the leader of a team during a project
- Displays various leadership skills to lead to the success of the team

Collaboration

- Displays ability to work well with others
- Is accepting of others' Ideas
- Celebrates individual and team accomplishments
- Able to serve as a leader as well as a group member

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

Analyzes situations to create effective solutions • Is able to work independently and with others to solve problems • Is able to evaluate information for accuracy, relevance, and credibility

Creative Thinking

- Utilizes "out-of-the-box" thinking
 - Expresses self in various creative ways
 - Merges original ideas with others' creative ideas for high quality products
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Iterative Design

- Accepts feedback for the purpose of improving
 - Is able to give feedback to others for the purpose of improvement
 - Strives for high quality work and products
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Authentic Learning

- Engages in projects that address real problems and situations
 - Applies learning of curriculum standards to authentic situations to make a difference in the local or global community
 - Shares products and/or presentations to authentic audiences (e.g., local businesses, city council, school board, etc.)
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Research

- Employs a variety of tools and processes to research what is needed to learn and complete the project
 - Recognizes the need to gather information from resources that include technology applications, hard-copy text, and people
 - Is able to summarize and paraphrase information and synthesize to convey to appropriate audiences in effective format(s)
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Time Management

- Is able to stay on task when working independently and with others
 - Monitors time as work occurs to meet deadlines
 - Commits to extra time if needed to meet a deadline
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