



Gardner Elementary

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We are so thankful for the time and commitment of our maintenance and custodial staff who worked so hard this summer to prepare Gardner for teachers and students. On Monday night, we welcomed families to our Supply and Drop Off Night. We are excited to get to know our new Gardner students.



On Tuesday, we attended an all day training session about our new ELA curriculum, *Amplify*. Thank you for approving this new curriculum that will help us offer even more ambitious instruction as we integrate language arts instruction. We are feeling more confident about *Amplify*.

Our Kickoff Week

This year, our superhero theme inspires us to use *Brave Hearts & Bright Minds* as a guide for school culture. During the first three days of school, we spend time reviewing procedures and expectations to help students feel confident and comfortable about how to live at school. This year students on the first day are collecting power words as they travel from place to place throughout the building. On Thursday, students are meeting with Mrs. Ehrenstrom and me during grade level meetings to create a one word goal for the year. My one word for the year is FOCUS, which is inspired by a quote by Henry David Thoreau: "It's not what you look at that matters. It's what you see."

Looking Forward

Our time and focus this year will be based on the results of our 2024-2025 5 Essentials Survey. Overall, we need to reflect on how to offer more ambitious instruction and increase parent involvement. We are ready to get started on these topics. *Amplify* will help us tremendously. Thanks again!

