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Grant from the Knight Foundation helps fund Library Media Center

We are delighted to announce a very generous grant from *The James A. & Faith Knight Foundation*. At the close of last school year, we were awarded a \$50,000 grant to help fund the renovation of our Library Media Center.

The James A. & Faith Knight Foundation was established in 1999 to honor the memory of James A. and Faith Knight, and primarily serves nonprofit organizations in Jackson and Washtenaw counties. The Foundation is dedicated to improving communities by providing grant support to qualified nonprofit organizations including, but not limited to, those that address the needs of women and girls, animals and the natural world, and internal capacity.

Specifically, the Knight Foundation believes that by investing in our capital improvements and technology, they are helping us reach our full potential as an organization. With the renovation of our Library Media Center, Emerson will indeed be much better equipped to carry out our mission for today's students. As we prepare our children for living and working in the 21st century, their ability to keep pace with ever-changing technology will be central to whatever paths they choose. With the Knight Foundation's investment in Emerson's capital improvements, they are directly impacting every one of our students.

Foundation Board President, Carol Knight-Drain, and her husband, Scott Drain, are parents to third-grader Alexander and six-month old, Aidan. We are tremendously grateful for their shepherding of this gift, as well as for their very generous personal commitment to our Capital Campaign. The entire Emerson community will benefit from their generosity and we extend our gratitude for their steps of leadership.