

## PORTFOLIO FOR ADMISSION TO EMERSON SCHOOL

For those applying to grades 1st-8th only

The admissions committee wants to understand your child as a learner and to give them a chance to demonstrate their *curiosity, creativity, motivation and divergent thinking*. We ask families to submit examples of academic work and creative expression to create their child's Portfolio for Admission. We have included a number of options to help get you started. The portfolio is a critical part of your child's application to Emerson, and plays a major role in the admissions process.

Please submit one item from each of the columns below for your portfolio. All applicants should submit some form of writing done by hand, as well as an example demonstrating current math understanding. Brief video presentations are a great way for the committee to get to know your child as a learner and creative individual.

Photos and videos to be included in the portfolio can be uploaded directly into your child's application using the link in your application checklist.

All submissions will become a part of your child's admissions file and will only be viewed by members of the admissions committee.

Creativity	Logic and reasoning	Language and expression
Create a presentation on something you are excited or curious about. It could be in the area of science, social studies, arts, athletics, music, or whatever interests you.  Possible presentation ideas:  Diorama/Model/Lego Creation Artwork Script/Performance Game TED Talk/Commercial Student Choice Take photos or video yourself explaining your presentation.	-Photo or video examples of different types of math problems you are working on. Discuss the strategy you used to solve the problem(s) and if possible, share a different way of solving.  - Create your own math game and explain how to play it. This can be a variation of a game you already enjoy. Take a photo or video of the game.  - Create a scavenger hunt or escape room in your house, and send us a video of the rules and how to play.  -Demonstrate how you might use math in your everyday life. Ex: cooking, shopping, traveling, etc.	-Share a summary of a book you recently finished.  Possible ideas:  • Video yourself telling or reading your summary  • Take a photo of a poster, flowchart, brochure, or other project you created based on the book.  It may be fun to include a new twist on the plot or ending!  -Write about yourself!  • Describe yourself, your strengths/interests, and/or your family.  • Tell about something you made or did that you enjoyed and learned a lot from.  • Share details about a personal achievement that you are proud of.  Take a photo of your written workyou might include an illustration as well.  - Share a piece of creative writing - story, poetry, graphic novel, etc. Take a picture of your work or video yourself presenting it.