

Crestwood School in Crestwood, Missouri is a school “where the spirit of learning soars and character grows.” Crestwood, the smallest elementary school in the Lindbergh School District, is a place of high expectations for academics and character. Visitors to Crestwood routinely express their delight at the calm, respectful atmosphere they experience throughout the school. In a neighborhood of single-family homes, Crestwood was built in 1959 as a twenty-classroom school nestled in a park-like setting.

Over the years, the school has become far more diverse ethnically, socio-economically and academically. An additional change is that many of our families move within the school year. What has not changed is Crestwood’s dedication to the needs of the whole child. Crestwood’s commitment to educational excellence has remained steadfast.

Crestwood students know they belong and are valued. Each morning they are greeted by name and begin the day by reading silently in the main hallway just outside their classrooms. Visitors see 300 students quietly reading books even before the school day begins. As students enter their classrooms, teachers welcome each child individually. This simple, but meaningful, gesture helps the teacher understand the child’s readiness to learn. The principal reads the morning announcements and student-written “thoughts of the day”. Children lead the school in the Pledge of Allegiance. On Fridays, televised announcements spotlight a class performing a school-related rap.

Along with a devoted PTO, teachers, parents, and students work together to ensure each child’s success. An example of this teamwork is our outstanding attendance. Within the regular classroom, instruction is differentiated. Each classroom is equipped with five computers with full access to two mobile laptop labs. Math and reading interventions take place in the classroom, with services provided by specialists. The balanced literacy approach to reading and writing instruction recognizes individual ability levels.

Part of Crestwood’s charm is that good character is expected and practiced every day. Our character program is strong and supports our mission to provide a safe, nurturing environment. Character is central to many of our traditions. Assemblies such as 9/11 Day of Patriotism, Veteran’s Day, Citizenship, Achievement, Responsibility, Effort and Service (C.A.R.E.S.) Awards, DARE Graduation, and our MAP assembly draw parents and the community together to commemorate and celebrate.

The caring relationships formed at Crestwood are lasting and mutual. Our former students regularly return to share successes and dreams. Crestwood’s commitment to educational excellence will remain steadfast. *“Our Crestwood School community of responsible students, involved parents and citizens, and a dedicated staff provides an environment where the spirit of learning soars and character grows. We are committed to an education which respects and nurtures diversity and individual learning styles, enabling students to reach their potential and become responsible citizens and life-long learners.”*