

BENEFITS OF PROJECTS

There are a lot of benefits for using projects in the classroom:

- Student interest increases
- Understanding of how one subject affects and connects to other subjects improves
- In-depth understanding of subject topic increases
- Opportunities to develop complex skills, such as higher-order thinking, problem-solving, collaborating, and communicating increase
- Technology skills improve
- Absenteeism decreases
- Attitudes about school and learning improve

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A Look at Projects in Mrs. Smith's Class

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5th grade students
connecting with the world!



Your questions
answered on the new
roles your child will
undertake and how
learning will change
as we work on
projects

HOW OUR ROLES WILL CHANGE



Role of the Teacher

I will be lecturing less and letting your child become an expert in certain areas. I will still be there to provide resources, direction, and support, but I won't hold all of the "correct" answers to all the difficult questions we will tackle.

You can stay up to date with all the work in our classroom at www.emeryvilleschool.com/msmith or email me at msmith@emeryvilleschool.com

Role of the Student

Students are not passive learners in my class. They will often work in groups and learn to work with others, but they will also be accountable for their own individual work. They will make decisions about the direction and content of their projects, but they will have lots of resources to help them make good decisions.



Role of Parents

It will be important that we all stay in communication as we work through a project. Your child may need additional computer time, access to resources in our community, and time to work with his/her group. It will be important for you to lend your support and encouragement throughout the process.

