

EMERSON HOWELL-TURK TRAITS

The Emerson Howell Turk Trait Award was created to recognize and honor students who exhibit the following five qualities: Respect, Responsibility, Self-Advocacy, Perseverance, and Collaboration. Emerson embodied everything that this award represents. She treated others with kindness, challenged herself, faced challenges with courage, and encouraged others to fulfill their potential. Most importantly, she made her peers and teachers' days brighter. We think that Emerson would be happy to know that any student can earn these awards, it isn't limited to one person per year.

TMS teachers will be assessing students on five essential skills for learning and success. At the end of each nine week grading period, these skills will be reported based on the following metrics: 4=which indicates the student demonstrates this skill almost all of the time, 3=which indicates the student demonstrates this skill most of the time, 2=which indicates the student demonstrates the skill some of the time, and 1=which indicates the student rarely demonstrates the skill. Each teacher will report on these five skills to parents at the end of every nine week grading period throughout the year. Students receiving all 4's and 3's will be presented with the Emerson Howell Turk Trait Award.

Some examples for each of the skills are listed below:

Respect

- I can treat others with kindness.
- I can follow rules.
- I can show compassion.

Responsibility

- I complete my assignments in a timely manner.
- I can follow directions the first time.
- I am on time.
- I am prepared for learning.
- I use feedback to improve my learning.

Self-Advocacy

- I can ask for help when needed.
- I use mistakes to help me learn.
- I can seek resources for learning.
- I challenge myself and take risks.
- I can take ownership of my learning.

Perseverance

- I never give up.
- I do my best.
- I overcome adversity.
- I can face challenges with confidence.

Collaboration

- I can work in a team with others.
- I can communicate with others to solve problems.
- I can encourage others to fulfill their potential.