New Emerson STEAM Kindergarten Registration Process

New Emerson’s incoming kindergartners are selected through a lottery process. All parents who are interested in having their child start kindergarten must follow the registration process for the lottery. Please note the following:

- Parents are required to attend and be on-time for all events and meetings outlined in the Lottery Registration Process below. No make-up dates will be available so please plan accordingly. If a parent misses a scheduled event or meeting, their child’s name will be withdrawn from the lottery process.
- Students with siblings in New Emerson will have priority enrollment. Sibling registration takes place in December of the current school year. Parents will need to come to the office to register their child. Parents who miss sibling registration in December will be required to participate in the lottery process.
- No individual parent meetings or tours will be scheduled with staff at New Emerson prior to the lottery drawing in order to prevent the appearance of bias during the lottery process. There will be parent meetings as part of the lottery process.
- It is recommended that you participate in the School of Choice process for the School District if you wish to have your child attend a school besides their area school (in case they are not drawn in the lottery process for New Emerson).

Lottery Registration Process

1. **First full week of February**: Open registration for the lottery from 8 am - 4 pm, Monday-Thursday and Friday 8 am-11 am in the main office of New Emerson.
   - You must complete the registration process at New Emerson if you wish to have your child’s name in the lottery.
   - The order of registration will not secure a spot for the upcoming year nor does it provide any advantage in the lottery drawing. Families will not need to line up early for the lottery registration open date.

2. **Third Friday of February**: Parent information meeting and tour. All new applicants and families with students that enrolled in New Emerson during the current year are required to attend. We offer two tour times for your convenience 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM. Please enter thru the main office located at 2660 Unaweep Avenue and sign-in. No children please.

3. **Monday, February 24th- Lottery Drawing**: A letter will be sent home to announce if your child was chosen in the lottery to register at New Emerson for the upcoming school year OR the position of your child on the wait list. This letter will also provide details about the next steps in the registration process.

4. **Parents must call the school to confirm that their child will be attending if their student is chosen during the lottery.** Parent must call to confirm attendance by the 5th school day after the date on the letter (contact days). Last week in February

5. **April**: Final registration week for incoming kindergartners. Date to be determined. Families will also be invited to the final Back to School Night in May (TBD) to meet next year’s teachers.

Questions? Contact New Emerson (970-254-6500)