In 2014, E3:Elevate Early Education(E3) created The New E3 School located in the Park Place neighborhood of Norfolk. Our school is an innovative, mixed-income model for children ages one to five. We set out to give more children equitable access to quality and prove that when all children have access regardless of their zip code, they enter kindergarten with the academic and social skills they need to thrive. We have proven that year after year.

Our school is a catalyst for policy change that led to historic state investment. E3’s awareness, advocacy and policy work have increased access to quality, supported families, teachers and programs in the region and across Virginia.

E3 funded and worked alongside the University of Virginia (UVA) to develop the STREAMin3 curricula for children ages one to five in our school. Ultimately, our intention was to ensure that the model was replicable and scalable to impact even more children, teachers and programs. E3 advocated for the STREAMin3 model to be available to 2,000+ classrooms through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Education and UVA.

The Why

- The early years matter and build the foundation for later learning.
- Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.
- Every child deserves access to quality early learning regardless of their zip code.
- The reading, math and learning gaps are widening for too many children.
- Achievement and readiness gaps begin early.
- 42% of Virginia’s kindergartners are not ready (VKRP, 2021).
- 58% of Norfolk’s kindergartners enter school unprepared (VKRP, 2021).
- More children in K-2 are at high risk of reading failure (PALS, 2021).
OUR RESULTS

Our most recent Classroom Quality & Kindergarten Readiness Spring 2022 Report by UVA tells us:

• High quality is consistent across all our classrooms
• Teachers are engaged in strong interactions.
• Most of our children met or exceeded the kindergarten readiness benchmarks.

For the first time in the history of our school, the data shows more children are not meeting the benchmark in literacy. We are concerned. The children headed off to kindergarten experienced multiple years of the pandemic. Their routines, relationships and learning were disrupted.

THE NEED

Our generous donors provided over $1m+ in scholarship funds and set 81 children up for success with a strong foundation academically and socially. While we have much to celebrate, there is still work to do to overcome the readiness gaps. 89 children from low-income families are on the scholarship waiting list.

Every dollar counts! Help us give more children access to the quality early learning they need and deserve. Our goal of $250k will give more children the opportunity to attend our school. Visit newe3school.org for the giving levels.

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