

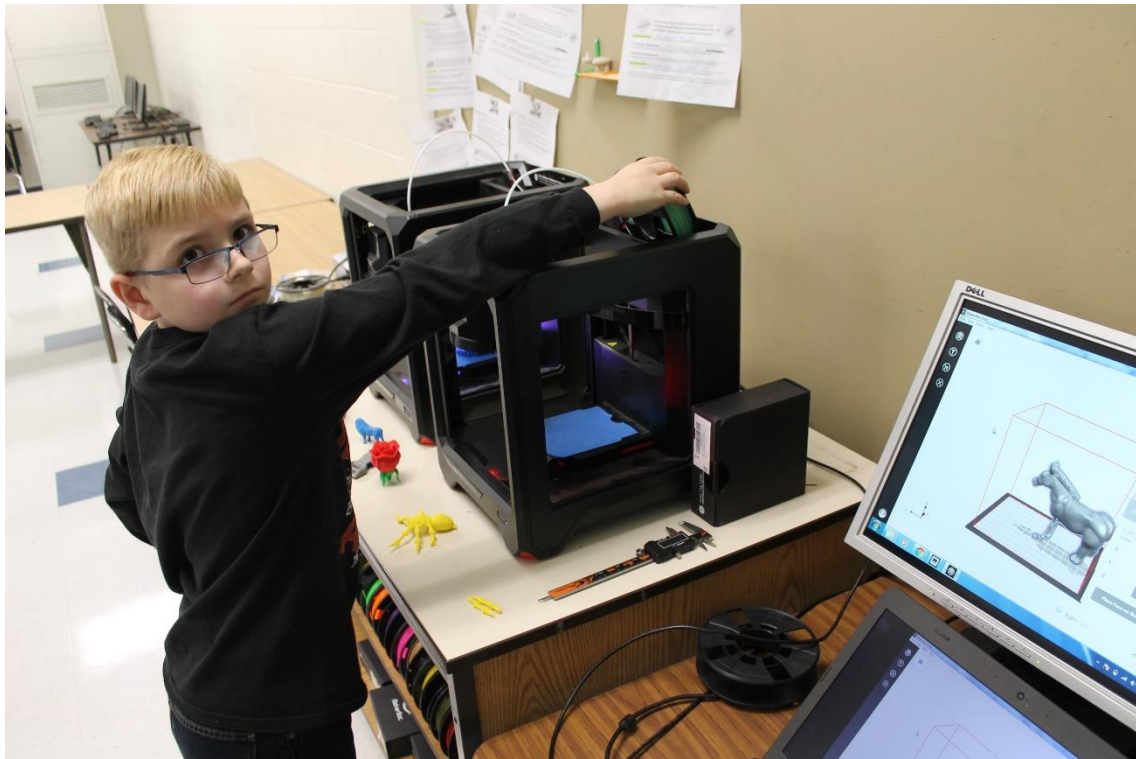
Peer Tutoring: Students Helping Students and A Partnership That Helps Purchase State of the Art Technology

Students helping students. That's what United Elementary peer tutoring program is all about. For years, older students have been paired with younger peers to help with learning. Peer tutoring may involve helping a student with memorizing spelling words, practicing math facts, or even just listening to an emerging reader read. In addition to helping students improve academically, peer tutors also have been motivating students to learn and building self-esteem and self-confidence in the students they help.



Peer Tutor Geno is practicing sight words with a younger peer.

In 2015, United Elementary was invited to participate in a local car dealership's peer tutoring program. The Colonial Toyota's Mentorship Program was a perfect match to what United Elementary had been doing for years. Both share the goal of encouraging students to help other students with learning. As part of their program, Colonial Toyota recognizes peer tutors by compensating them for their volunteer hours with a monetary donation to their school. Through this partnership and the participation of several enthusiastic and motivated peer tutors, United Elementary has been able to purchase some remarkable technology for their students.



Eli is working on a project using a 3D Printer

United Elementary peer tutors not only feel like they are making a difference to a fellow student, but now through the Colonial Toyota Mentorship Program, feel like they are making a big impact on the entire school.