Lowell School

This school site is named for James Russell Lowell, famous American author and diplomat who lived from 1819 to 1891. Lowell was primarily a poet and essayist, but served some years as Minister of the United States to Spain and Great Britain. He also taught many years at Harvard University. He was elected to the American Hall of Fame.

The site is one of the oldest in continuous use in Fresno. It was purchased in 1891 and more ground was added in 1909. The original structure located at 167 Park Avenue was built in 1909-10. The first buildings were considered unsafe and had to be demolished in 1966 as they considered too old to repair and unsafe in case of an earthquake. This was likewise true of the annex built in 1909-10.

A new structure is now in use on the same site but with a new address, 171 North Poplar because the site was again expanded in 1988. It serves children in grades K-6 living in that area.