# Emergent Themes from Teacher Reflections

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| **Emergent Theme** | **% of Teachers Who Mentioned** | **Example Quote** |
| Joy through creation and expression | 100% | Joy was visible in their bodies and voices—they were proud of their work. |
| Student identity was affirmed | 89% | My multilingual learners finally felt centered. |
| Afrofuturism empowered student imagination | 78% | Students reimagined our neighborhood as one that could thrive, not just survive. |
| Digital tools increased access and expression | 100% | The podcast tool helped my shy students shine. |
| Critical thinking through Dunbar's poem and climate themes | 89% | They began connecting Dunbar's mask to real-world environmental injustice. |
| Strong community and classroom connections | 78% | This unit helped students connect the classroom to their families and elders |