Programs and Enrichment

In addition to the high-quality, standards—based core curriculum provided at Greenwood Elementary, our faculty, staff and community members offer an array of programs and enrichment opportunities for our students to participate in throughout the school year. Some of the offerings include:

- Standards-based Art, Music, PE, & Technology Classes
- ♦ Core Essentials Character Ed
- ♦ Title 1 Family Literacy Night at the Museum
- ♦ Artist/Poets in Residence and Horizons Art
- Greenwood Chorus, Band and Strings
- ♦ Title 1 Family STEAM Nights
- ♦ WGES Morning Show
- ♦ Title 1 All Pro Dads
- ♦ Good NewsClub
- ♦ Spelling Bee
- ♦ Safety Patrol



- ♦ BETA Club
- REACH
- Extended Day

1:1 = Learning Minds!

The 2018-19 school year saw our teachers, students, and parents "STEAM-ing" ahead as they launched into varied learning experiences in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics. Of course, Reading and Writing was at the forefront as students applied critical thinking and problem-solving skills and deepened their understanding of the various topics of study across the content areas. We continue to provide activities that foster a love for learning such as our two Family STEAM Nights, Family Math Night at IGA, and our Family Literacy Night at the Museum.

GES provided programs such as Reading Recovery, LightSail, and Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI), to assist students in growing more fluent with their reading and increasing their comprehension of the various types of the text they read. With Florence One School's 1:1 Initiative, all of our students in grades 2-6 received new Chromebooks which are being utilized in the classrooms and at home as teachers plan lessons for blended learning. A long tradition of putting children first and a mission of *making today a better tomorrow* continues to be the driving force as we strive to meet our students' needs. Our 5th grade students enjoyed a week-long Poetry Alive! Residency this year that included working with two professional performers as they learned how to read and understand poetry (Close Readings and a dictionary via their devices). The week culminated with a Poetry Alive Student Showcase in which all of the fifth grade students performed poems in groups of 3-5 for their peers, parents, and staff. Our K-2 students and teachers enjoyed working with SC Author Jonathan Miller as he discussed the craft of writing and how to give words life on the page.

2018-19 School Improvement Council

Annual Report to Parents



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Greenwood Elementary School is committed to helping students reach their greatest potential.



A Message from the GES School Improvement Council

The SIC (School Improvement Council) serves as an advisory committee to the school. The SIC meets monthly and works collectively with the parents, educators, and community stakeholders to improve student achievement. The SIC publishes an Annual Report to Parents each spring to inform our stakeholders of the progress being made in achieving our school improvement goals. The Annual Report to Parents includes achievement information as well as the school's plans for continued improvement.

Awards & Accomplishments:

 The School Foundation Grant: Coding with Robots

2018 Annual Report Card

Academics Rating Academic Achievement Average Preparing for Success Average Student Progress Unsatisfactory School Environment Student Engagement Average

With new tools to progress monitor and a growth mindset, Greenwood faculty, staff, students, and parents continue their combined efforts to move forward in the quest for student achievement. We're excited about each step we take toward meeting our goals for success and celebrate the growth we see in our students and teachers.

Greenwood Elementary

Home of the Dragons!



Strategies for Improving Instruction

- Weekly, on-site professional development meetings based on implementing best practices in the classroom
- District professional development training by District Curriculum Coordinators and Specialists on best practices and updated standards
- * Technology Tuesday PD for teachers
- Weekly lesson plans aligned to standards and the FSD1 Curriculum Alignment Document (CAD)
- Quarterly Benchmark tests for the core subjects and standards taught
- Linkit and STAR Tests to measure student growth academically to aid in progress monitoring
- * School-wide implementation of Writer's Workshop
- School-wide implementation of Reflex Math to promote acquisition and fluency of math facts for 1-6 grade students
- Title 1 Classroom Assistants that provides assistance in reading strategies for students using Leveled Literacy Intervention Program (LLI)
- Formal classroom observations, feedback and reflections on implementing best practices in the classroom
- Parent / teacher conferences to discuss student growth and progress
- Extended Day Program with homework help and small group tutoring



ASSOCIATES

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Parent & Community Involvement:

- ✓ Greenwood APT
- √ Faith Based Mentors/Volunteers
- √ School Improvement Council
- ✓ Greenwood Baptist Church Community Partners
- √ Title 1 Parent Workshops
- ✓ FMU Partnership
- √ National Network of Partnership Schools
- √ Title 1 KJ's Family Math Night
- ✓ Title 1 Family Literacy Night at the Museum
- √ Golden Kiwanis—Reading Is Fundamental
- √ Rotary Club—Dictionaries
- ✓ Good News Club
- ✓ Title 1 Family STEAM Night and Day
- √ Title 1 All Pro Dads
- Florence-Darlington Technical College Student Dental Hygienists
- √ Grits for Grandparents
- ✓ Pastries for Parents
- / Title 1/SIC/NNPS Monthly Meetings
- ✓ Poetry Alive! Student Showcase



Ways we give back:

- Jump Rope for Heart (over \$10K AGAIN!)
- Annual Fall Food Drive
- Hat and Mitten Giving Tree
- Wreaths across America