

At Dewey Carter Elementary . . .



Dewey Carter Elementary has many outstanding features that make it a special place. One of our main priorities is ensuring our students have skills and a love for reading. We have four additional reading support instructors to help make this a

reality for our students. We also have a certified Math Coach whose zeal and knowledge of math strategies is spread to students and staff members throughout our school. Quality reading, writing, and math are foundational skills we want to ensure all Dewey Carter students have each day.

we desire and guide our students to:

excel in academics,
develop a love for learning
through experiences,



and live life to
its fullest poten-
tial.

Another focus continues to be our STEM lab. Our certified STEM teacher continues to provide engaging science and engineering opportunities as a related arts period for our students. Also, every teacher is equipped with Streaming programming, Smart Boards, LCD projectors & document cameras for student exposure to current technologies in education.

At Dewey L. Carter, our students and staff are truly a family and we support one another each day. We believe our students deserve the best education possible and we will do whatever is necessary to ensure ALL of our students succeed.



Through our many curricular areas and a warm, caring school climate, students are given many opportunities for success. Some activities and incentives offered include:

The dedicated staff of Dewey Carter does this by continually self-assessing, modeling integrity, and demonstrating a love for living and learning.



- ✓ Good News Club
- ✓ C.A.R.E. Club
- ✓ Battle of the Books
- ✓ Dewey Dollar Rewards
- ✓ PrinciPALS
- ✓ Book Fair
- ✓ MAP/PASS Incentives
- ✓ Band & Strings Instruction
- ✓ Chorus
- ✓ Spelling Bee
- ✓ Art Club
- ✓ BETA Club
- ✓ Terrific Kids

Summary Report to Parents From the School Improvement Council



DEWEY CARTER ELEMENTARY

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Mission Statement:

The mission of Dewey Carter Elementary is to prepare all students to become responsible citizens and life-long learners.

School Improvement Council (SIC) Members:

Chair: R. Chamblee
Principal: W. Frazier
Ex-officio: K. Cullen
Teachers: T. Ruth, T. Davis
Parents: A. Trail, H. Gardner
Community: S. Ham, C. Lee

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The School Improvement Council provides an annual report to stakeholders regarding progress being made in achieving school improvements. This report includes achievements and plans for improvement.



Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, every student in grades 2-6 has their own Chromebook to use in the classrooms and at home, if given permission by parents. Our younger students also have access to a device in the classroom. Students use these devices to work on individualized lessons in math and reading assigned as enrichment by teachers. Students may also work on projects and do homework assignments as well. It has been an exciting transition for us all!

Strategies for Improving Instruction

- Weekly staff development to help ensure best practices in the classroom
- Weekly lesson plans aligned to standards and the Curriculum Alignment Document (CAD)
- Quarterly Benchmark tests for standards taught in core subject areas
- Staff development in assessment of students and instruction
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests and Linkit assessments to measure & track student growth academically for fall, winter and spring
- Formal classroom observations & feedback for implementation of best practices
- Parent / teacher conferences to discuss student growth and progress
- Two reading recovery teachers intervening in students' early years
- Two reading interventionists working with struggling readers



Parent & Community Involvement

- ✓ Association of Parents & Teachers
- ✓ School Improvement Council
- ✓ Elim Baptist Church Community Partners
- ✓ SC Ready Pasta and Performance Night
- ✓ Pastries with the Principal
- ✓ School Beach Blast
- ✓ Fall Festival
- ✓ Golden Kiwanis Sponsored Terrific Kids
- ✓ Honor Roll Programs each nine weeks
- ✓ PrinciPALS
- ✓ Read Across America Events
- ✓ Math Jam
- ✓ Jingle Bell Rock Party
- ✓ McCall Farms Partnership



School-wide Giving Campaigns

- ✓ Jump Rope for Heart
- ✓ Christmas Angel Tree Adoption
- ✓ Food Drive for Five Loaves Food Ministry
- ✓ Back Pack Ministry
- ✓ Bake Sale for families in need
- ✓ Pennies for Patients
- ✓ Humane Society Supply Drive