

### Outstanding Features

- Character Education Program
- Lucy Calkins Reading, Writing, and Phonics Programs
- 1:1 iPads for Students
- SeeSaw for Schools
- MAP Testing
- Dreambox Learning
- Reflex Fluency Program
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- YMCA After School Program
- Red Ribbon Week
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Canned Food Drive
- Santa Shoppe Participant with the Dream Center
- Toys for Tots Participant
- Y Mentor
- Art to Remember
- Field Day
- Virtual Literacy Night
- Six Virtual Learning Academy Classrooms
- Professional Learning Communities

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District *one*

# Concrete Primary

Report to the Parents  
2020 - 2021



Building Blocks for the Future

**Sherry Padgett, Principal**  
**Brandon Koon, Asst. Principal**  
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## **2020 – 21 School Improvement Council Members**

### **Elected Members**

Amy Ackerman—parent  
Madison Gardner—teacher  
Jeremy McCall—parent  
Jennifer Monroe—parent  
Kelly Valetti—parent  
Donna Yarborough—teacher (Chair)

### **Appointed Members**

Ashley Crippin  
Kim Daugherty  
Derrick McDowell

### **Ex-Officio Members**

Sherry Padgett, Principal  
Katie Howard, School Teacher of the Year  
Brandon Koon, Assistant Principal

## **Our Mission Statement**

The mission of the Concrete Primary family is to provide opportunities for critical thinking and problem solving through rigorous standards to produce students who are building a strong foundation of college and career ready characteristics.

## **Report of Principal and School Improvement Council**

In March of 2020, COVID-19 shut down schools across the state. As the 2020-2021 school year began, various safety and cleaning protocols were implemented to ensure the safe return for staff and students. Anderson One was one of only a few districts in the state to reopen schools for face to face instruction five days a week for students. For those families that did not wish to return face to face, the Anderson One Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) was established. Concrete Primary had six classes of VLA students.

Concrete Primary's theme for the 2020-2021 school year was "Camp Concrete - Where Learning Adventures Begin", which led the focus on critical thinking throughout instruction. All students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade were issued a school iPad to support their learning on a daily basis while in school. These iPads were available for students to take home should the need arise for virtual instruction at any point in the school year.

Faculty members met regularly as Professional Learning Communities to determine essential standards for classroom instruction. Teachers developed and used common formative assessments to identify student success and next steps for instruction. Extension activities were planned for those students who had mastered the standards while intervention strategies were developed for those yet to master these essential standards.

## **Report of Principal and School Improvement Council (Continued)**

While some aspects of classroom instruction had to be adjusted for COVID-19 safety protocols, Guided Reading and Guided Math instruction continued to drive the curriculum. Teachers continued to implement South Carolina College and Career Readiness Standards into their instruction. Lucy Calkins reading, writing, and phonics instruction were fully implemented in grades K5 - 2nd.

Creativity and the use of technology remained an important part of daily instruction at Concrete Primary. Incorporation of technology into everyday instruction was made possible by each student having their own devices. Creation apps were used on class iPads throughout the day to enhance and strengthen our instructional program. The digital platform, SeeSaw, was used for communication between teachers and parents while providing students the ability to complete assignments and store their work in a digital portfolio.

The partnership with our PTSO continued to be an integral part of Concrete Primary. PTSO fundraisers included Spirit Nights at local restaurants and Box Tops for Education competitions. While COVID-19 safety measures prevented some of our traditional events from taking place, fundraisers from the PTSO helped provide classroom supplies and special events for our students including Polar Express Day and an Easter Egg Hunt.

The faculty, staff, and students continue to be blessed to be part of such a wonderful, supportive community that works together to develop world class skills and life and career characteristics in all of our students.