



Buford Elementary

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Buford Elementary School is devoted to investing in developing the leadership strengths of each child by providing them comprehensive academic instruction in a nurturing and safe environment. Our mission is “Everybody Counts and Every Moment Matters.” These words stress that each individual student and staff member is important and each moment of the day is crucial. Through the Leader in Me program, children learn through authentic experiences the Seven + One Habits of Highly Effective People. The LIM vocabulary is woven into our instruction and interactions with our children in order to model behaviors that will help them succeed in life. We teach our children the importance of setting goals through our Wildly Important Goals. We set individual, class, grade level and school wide goals and discuss the effort needed to reach our goals. We teach our children that when their lead measures need to be tweaked, it is a natural part of life to go back and change the plan in order to succeed. This year in addition to Leader in Me, we also implemented the John Maxwell iLead program with our Fourth and Fifth Grade students. The iLead lessons focus on character traits and encourage students to talk about how these character traits apply to them.

At Buford Elementary, each educator shows a commitment to strong instruction that meets each child where they are ready to learn by assessing individual needs in reading and providing the specific instruction each child needs to learn and grow. We also provide targeted math instruction that identifies areas of need and scaffolds learning to meet student needs. District and state assessment data show that what we are doing is working, as our children continue to show academic growth.

Our children enjoy sharing their knowledge with their parents through our Leader in Me Lunch and Learns which occur twice per grade level per year. Parent teacher conferences are offered virtually and in person and have helped us meet with 100% of our parents in the fall and spring. Students enjoy district level arts field trips, grade level field trips, our Scholastic Book Fair, classroom Leader in Me celebrations for goals reached, Leadership positions within their classrooms and our school, Field Day, and our Kindergarten and Fifth Grade Graduations. Our community partnerships are on display with events such as Career Day where members of the



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surrounding community are committed to teaching students about various career options that are available to them.

Buford Elementary School is helping all students develop the World Class Skills and Life and Career Characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by seeking first to understand the needs of each child and then use this data to make decisions to best support our learners. Our school family includes our parents, teachers, administrators and community leaders. We believe that as a village, we will synergize to raise our children in a positive, professional way that equips them with the skills they will need for life.