

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 few words mean that each member of our school family and what we do is important every minute of every day. Through the Leader in Me program, children learn through authentic experiences the Seven 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 and working toward those 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.

Our commitment to strong instruction that meets each child where they are ready to learn includes a balanced literacy approach to teaching reading and targeted math instruction to teach math. 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 virtual Leader in Me Lunch and Learns. This was designed to support all of our parents being able to participate, no matter where they may be at the time. Parent teacher conferences are offered virtually as well and have helped us maintain meeting with 100% of our parents in the fall and spring.

Students enjoy district level arts 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 Parent Lighthouse Team sponsored grade level graduations.

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 basing decisions on those needs. 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.