

IVA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Our goal this year was to minimize the spread of Covid 19. We started the school year (like most schools in SC) 5 days face to face. In preparation for the school year, we put into place safety and health protocols. These safety measures include:

- Masks while in transition
- Social distance at lunch and morning and afternoon drop off
- Staying within the class cohorts
- Social distancing in classrooms
- Plexiglass partitions
- Extra cleaning by teachers
- Disinfecting the entire building daily
- Not allowing visitors in the buildings
- Minimizing school wide teacher meetings
- School Covid testing as needed
- Face shields for teachers
- Virtual instruction offered
- Virtual parent conferences and meetings
- Hand sanitizer stations

Even with these safety measures, we set out to provide a high quality education for the students of Iva Elementary. Our instructional focus this year was twofold. After recognizing the need for a new phonics program, the district purchased

Reading Horizons for all the elementary schools. We also adopted a new math curriculum. These instructional tools have provided much-needed instructional rigor. These new programs are proving to be very beneficial to our students.

Our leadership team revamped our intervention program to not only include focused reading instruction, but math as well. The new group alignments and participation requirements have streamlined intervention and individual students successes are happening.

Along with our improvements to our instructional plans, Iva also worked hard to prepare activities that students and parents could complete and enjoy at home. Just some of the activities include:

- 2 STEM builds
- Spooky Story Competition
- Family Thankfulness project

This school year has been very challenging. Our leadership team has been very impressed with the resiliency of our students, teachers, and staff. We challenged our school to PLOW through the fear, anxiety, and changes that come along with a pandemic. We are happy to report that that challenge was met and our school has flourished. It's good to be at Iva.