

Points of Pride

Teacher of the Year

Ms. Kari James, a 2nd-grade teacher, was nominated as Easterling Primary School's Teacher of the Year for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. James' classroom provides a positive and family-like atmosphere for her students inside and outside the classroom. She is known for guiding and encouraging students to succeed. Congratulations Ms. James!

Recognitions

- **iReady Super School**
- COGNIA Accreditation
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (FFVP) grant
- South Carolina Arts Commission Grant
- MUSC Boeing Wellness School
- US Department of Education E3 Grant Participant
- School Garden Grant Recipient

iReady

EPS was recognized as an iReady Super School! We also received certificates for Proficiency and Growth in both ELA and Math!

Professional Development Opportunities

- Grade-level Common Planning
- Data analysis of iReady scores
- Grade Level Professional Learning Communities -Articles related to early childhood practices shared and discussed
- CogAT and IOWA testing
- Fountas & Pinnell
- KRA and common assessments and discussed
- iReady Training
- Teachers attend conferences and report information to the faculty
- LETRS trainings
- School Leadership Team Meetings

Enrichment

- Red Ribbon Week Activities
- EPS Newsletter
- HTC REEL Kids
- Art in the Park
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Book Fair
- Family Literacy Night
- STEM Night
- Anti-Bullying Month
- RAZ Kids
- Fountas and Pinnell
- Read Across America Week
- PBIS Incentives
- Healthy Snack Nutrition Grant
- Backpack Buddies
- High Five Fridays
- Overtime Athletics Afterschool
- Class Dojo Rewards Days



Purpose Statement:

Easterling Primary School educates, prepares and inspires students to be productive citizens in a changing global society.

Motto:

Easterling Primary School is a place
"Where Little People Do Big Things!"

Easterling Primary School

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Easterling Primary School
Marion School District

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Easterling Primary School houses 5K, first-grade, and second-grade students. The total student population is 458.

School Improvement Council:

The School Improvement Council is composed of parents who are elected and teachers elected by teachers. The principal may also appoint additional representatives from the community.

The purposes of the Council are:

- To gain knowledge concerning the purpose and goals of the school.
- To disseminate information to other parents and citizens within the community to clarify information concerning the school programs.
- To offer for consideration to the school principal suggestions concerning program improvements with respect to students' needs and program operations within the individual school, area, or district.

School Improvement Council Members:

Chairman, Haley Tucker (Community Member)
 Vice Chairperson, Clay Elliott (Teacher)
 Secretary, Erin Edge (Community Member)

Susanne Elvington (Teacher)

Charity Gurley (Parent)

Semerah Drawhorn (Parent)

Kendra Fling (Parent)

Joan Johnson (Community Member)

Dr. Melinda Tavernier (Principal)

iReady Data

iReady Reading:
 % of students at or above grade level

5K	1st	2nd
85%	44%	43%

iReady Math
 % of students at or above grade level

5K	1st	2nd
74%	35%	29%

School Demographics

African American	Caucasian	Other
78%	18%	4%

Community Partners



Marion County Sheriff's Department
 Marion County Library System
 Marion Fire Department
 Kiwanis Club
 Original Six Foundation
 First STEPS
 MUSC Boeing Wellness
 4-H Club
 Marion First Baptist Church
 Overtime Athletics
 Pee Dee Coalition
 Pee Dee Mental Health
 Azalea Gardening Club

EPS Beliefs

- All students can become productive members of society.
- Education is a partnership among students, families, schools, and community.
- Our children are the center of all decision making.
- Education should prepare students to succeed academically and socially so they can compete for quality jobs and become productive members of society.
- Each person has intrinsic value and worth and is a unique individual with different needs and abilities.