

McCormick Elementary School

SIC Report to the Parents

2019-2020

During the 2019-2020 school year, McCormick Elementary School assisted students in developing the World Class Skills of Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. Our instructional focus centered on implementing the Fountas & Pinnell Classroom for literacy with an emphasis on writing, continuing development of process skills in Eureka math, and improving our technological skills for improved communication.

We continued our STEP (Supporting Teacher Effectiveness Project) meetings weekly by grade level to encourage collaboration by reviewing data to design, implement, and adjust instruction as needed based on student achievement.

Our ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) grew more proficient in identifying our specific instructional problem based on data and staff feedback. In the weekly meetings, we developed shared responsibility by taken ownership of areas of concern and utilizing resources to improve student performance.

Our SIC (School Improvement Council) chose to focus on improving the social and emotional health of our students and families for the 19-20 school year. The SIC sponsored activities for our community to interact with students with the Pastries for Parents events. Other plans were made but not realized to the shortened school year. Also, we partnered with SCDHEC (South Carolina Department of Health/Environmental Control) to provide monthly nutrition lesson during their related arts period. This information encouraged good decision making and healthy eating habits.

We worked diligently to build a stronger school culture by emphasizing our commitment to PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) . The team used discipline data to provide events that celebrate good decision making skills such as regular clothes days, jeans days, popcorn and ice cream parties, etc. The Brotherhood and Girl Squad mentoring programs continued on a regular basis for our young men and ladies to provide positive interaction that can be applied in life situations. These efforts are centered around TEAM (Treat others respectfully, Exemplify positivity, Act responsible, and Maintain safety).

We look forward to the future of MES with great expectations. Our community and stakeholders have shown great support for our young people and with that commitment, we will continue to build a better environment for learning and growing.

At McCormick Elementary School, we are TEAMing with pride! Go Mustangs!

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