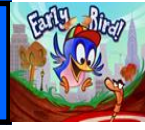




Little Chief/Early Bird North Mullins Primary & Mullins Early Childhood Center



The Mission of North Mullins Primary & Mullins Early Childhood Center is to provide a learning environment that affords every student the opportunity to become **Creative, Hard-Working, Innovative, and Exceptionally Focused Scholars**. North Mullins Primary School, home of the “Little Chiefs”, provides educational experiences that promote and enhance students’ academic abilities to approximately 460 students in Child Development through second grade. The 2015-2016 school year continued to be one of growth and progress in efforts to increase student achievement and prepare our students to become career and college ready for the 21st century.

As we continue our Journey Towards Excellence, our educators strive to provide high quality instruction and to meet the needs of our learners by exposing learners to various digital tools and technology, implementing a Balanced Literacy and Math Model, incorporating STEM activities, and Writing Across the Curriculum. Our teachers continue to participate in ongoing professional development and team building activities to build capacity and teacher effectiveness. The staff and students at North Mullins Primary & Mullins Early Childhood Center have worked with a propensity to ensure that we are meeting goals for maximizing student potential. Students, teachers, parents, community partners, and stakeholders have formed partnerships to encourage progress towards meeting the performance goals included in the school strategic plan and in attaining high achievement for all students.

Our theme for the 2015-2016 school year was “*We Are the Change*” which complimented our motto that **Together Everyone Achieves More!** In our efforts to build a strong community of learning through teambuilding and parental involvement initiatives, we continued to hold students accountable by setting high expectations, actively engaging students in the learning process, increasing academic rigor, and fully implementing State Performance Standards. Teachers and support staff worked collaboratively with administration to improve instruction through common planning, increasing the use of nonfiction reading and writing in daily instruction, and by continuing to develop oral language skills for students. A focus of study groups led by the principal and curriculum facilitator included building conceptual knowledge, active engagement and effective questioning strategies through the implementation of Explicit Direct Instruction, Depth of Knowledge Questioning Strategies, STEM, along with the Balanced Literacy Model. Another area of academic focus was on building foundational principles in mathematics through the use of manipulatives, facilitating inquiry based learning, and effective questioning led by the math consultant Sandra Goff. Professional development and teambuilding initiatives allowed teachers and support staff to strengthen the use of best practices and delve deeper in meeting the diverse needs of all students.

The students at North Mullins Primary & Mullins Early Childhood Center engaged in numerous extracurricular activities that not only support but have fostered an appreciation for the Fine Arts. Students from Child Development through 2nd grade participated in the Little Chief Performing

Chorus, Oratorical Contest, PTO Presentations, and the Marion County Youth Art Contest. Other productions that were highlighted included: Mother Goose Rocks, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, Black History: A Blast from the Past, and Parent University Night. We were extremely pleased that the 2015-2016 school year was the first year of implementation of a Montessori Learning Approach at Mullins Early Childhood Center.

At North Mullins Primary & Mullins Early Childhood Center, parents are valued assets who partner with teachers to increase student academia and performance. In addition, volunteers continue to contribute their expertise and time to assist our students in excelling socially and academically, preparing them to be successful, life-long learners, and productive citizens in an ever-changing competitive global society.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students this year but realize that there is always room for growth and improvement. It is our goal to continue to strengthen our instructional paradigm, further develop effective instructional practices that utilize data analysis, and to foster a strong community of learning. Through the collaborative efforts of our parents, community leaders, business partners, and other stakeholders we will continue to strive for educational excellence!

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