

Little Mountain Elementary School is in the southeastern section of Newberry County and serves 377 students in grades K through 5. All grade levels provide students with balanced literacy instruction which includes reading, researching, and writing across the curriculum. Hands-on experiences from FOSS, AIMS, and GEMS enrich math and science programs. A wide variety of texts and computer programs enhance learning in all areas of the school's curriculum. Regular use of rubrics have helped improve students' writing. The school's leadership/data analysis team regularly analyzes tests data in order to monitor students' progress and to assist teachers in designing classroom experiences that meet students' needs.

The majority of teachers have advanced degrees while others are working toward this goal. One teacher has National Board Certification. Our teachers participate in many professional development opportunities in a variety of areas. These professional discussions provide opportunities for teachers to generate conversations related to applying best practices across the grade levels. The school has initiated PBIS as a behavioral management structure. There is also an after school program & Academic Academy to assist students with increased achievement.

Our faculty works diligently to enable our students to enjoy and appreciate the arts through field trips, assemblies, and community involvement. Students participate in many school-to-work activities. Parents and community members further educate students by sharing experiences about their jobs during our career fair. Little Mountain Elementary School, the PTO, and the community work hard to keep our students continuously learning in a safe and caring environment.

Some accomplishments are as follows:

LME students scored 82.2% met / exemplary on PASS ELA; 85.6 % on Math; 80.6% and 81.3% on Writing;

LME is accredited by Southern Associations of Colleges and Schools and a Palmetto Gold Recipient

LME students and faculty raised over \$6,000.00 for the Relay for Life, Jump Rope for Heart, and St. Jude's Math-A-Thon;

LME students collected 1,450 non-perishable for the Manna House Season of Sharing;

LME students participate in a community service project, Santa Paws, and raised \$160.00 and collected 2189 items for the local animal shelter.

Twenty-five fourth and fifth grade students qualified for Duke TIP program;

LME teachers received funded grants for classroom supplies and equipment;

and LME utilizes a comprehensive developmental guidance and counseling program that promotes and enhances the total learning process.

Teaching Today's Students to become Tomorrow's Leaders.

Rudie Tarver, Principal

Ty Fellers, SIC Chairperson

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