

Special Events and Programs

- After School Program:
 - Be Great Academy (Boys and Girls Club of the Midlands)
 - African Drumming
 - American Education Week
 - Annual Fall Food Drive
 - Awards' Day
 - Book Fair
 - Career Fair
 - Character Awards
 - Chinese Academy
 - Dance
 - Early Childhood STEAM Academy
 - Fine Arts Productions
 - Saturday Academy
 - Field Day Activities
 - Fire Safety Week
 - Grade Level Tutoring
 - Grandparents' Day
 - Honors Chorus
 - International Day
 - Jr. MISTER Program (In collaboration with Call Me MISTER)
 - Jump Rope for Heart
- Project Lead The Way
- Living Hope Foundation Partnership
- Mother /Son and Father/Daughter Dance
- Multi-Cultural Diversity Programs
- National Jr. Beta Club
- NES Talent Show
- One-to-one IPAD Class
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support School)
- Pearls in Poise
- Performing Arts
- Pennies for Patients to support research for Leukemia
- Read Across America Day
- Reading Celebrations
- Relay for Life
- Red Ribbon Week
- Rocket Gents
- Spanish Academy
- Student Birthday Celebration
- WNES Morning Show
- Various Field Study Opportunities
- Veterans' Day Program

NEWBERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A 21st Century Learning School

*"Where We Equip and Empower
the Whole Child"*

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Newberry Elementary School's Mission Statement

In collaboration with all community stakeholders, it is our mission to equip and empower the whole child to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

SIC Report to the Parents 2020-2021

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Newberry Elementary School Facts

- Title I School
- 426 students are currently enrolled
- 64% African American
- 12% Caucasian
- 21% Hispanic
- 3% Other
- 93% qualify for free or reduced lunch
- Pre-K– 5th grade
- 1 Pre-K Class
- 1 Primary Montessori Class
- 1 Lower Elementary Montessori Class

Newberry Elementary School Performance

Covid-19 forced us to spring into action and implement guidelines and procedures to combat the spread of the virus. Though challenging, we were committed to gathering the resources needed to ensure students had everything needed. This was a collaborative effort with our teachers, staff and SIC members.

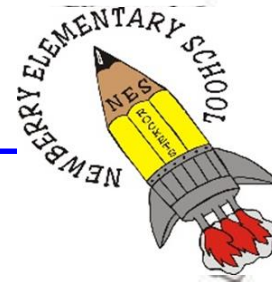
Prior to starting our efforts and implementing guidelines, our SIC met to ponder ideas and ways to ensure student safety. Our building set up is a unique one. We had to decide on the best ways to enforce CDC recommendations and DHEC guidelines on social distancing, which included areas within and around the school such as restrooms and playgrounds. We released information regularly on good hygiene, appropriate mask wearing, and the importance of washing hands.

Steps also included a collaboration with the Hewitt Foundation. All of our students received a blanket of their choice during the Winter months. Parents were extremely appreciative and excited about this opportunity.

Unfortunately, at this time we do not have updated school performance data based on the SCREADY Assessment. We have, however, continued to progress monitor students using ongoing formal and informal assessments.

Link to 2019 school report card–

<https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eTOyMDE5JnQ9RSZzaWQ9MzYwMTAxOA>



Curriculum Highlights

- SC Ready Standards
- Incentives to meet growth goals on iReady in reading and math
- Unit Assessments to assess student mastery
- Thinking Maps allow students to show their thinking
- Enrichment time for small group and one-on-one instruction
- 21st Century learning strategies and classroom learning environments



Students collaborate through discussion to show their 21st century skills!

Keeping You Informed

- Parent Portal for attendance and grades online
- School Messenger, an automated phone messaging system, is used for school events
- Monthly newsletters and student agendas
- Digital message board is used to inform parents and the community of school events
- School Website, Facebook, and Twitter

Goals: We will continue to...

- Increase parent involvement
- Use data team meetings for all grade levels
- Use iReady and Fountas & Pinnell data as a tool for instructional planning
- Increase the use of technology to enhance instruction
- Use 21st Century Skills for Global Citizens and instructional strategies