



# Rocky Creek Elementary School

LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

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**Principal:** Michelle Smith

**Assistant Principals:** Kristen Smalley, Jessica Robbins

**Grades Served:** 4K–5

**Student Enrollment:** 806

**Mascot:** Ranger

**School Colors:** Carolina Blue, Olive Green, and Brown

**School Motto:** Rangers are: ready to learn, celebrate each other, exemplify kindness, and stay safe.

## We value:

- **Children First**
- **Safety and Wellbeing**
- **Kindness and Compassion**
- **High Expectations**
- **Collaboration and Critical Thinking**
- **Resilience and Perseverance**
- **Creativity and Communication**
- **Every child's ability to learn.**

*Empower each child to design the future.*

The vision of the Rocky Creek Rangers are self-directed learners, caring citizens, and positive world changers.

Our mission is to be in collaboration with our families and community, Rocky Creek Elementary provides an exceptional educational experience for all.

**All students, regardless of circumstances, advance on time, prepared to graduate and ready to enter college, the military or industry with certification.**

At Rocky Creek Elementary School, we are committed to meeting students where they are. We strive to lay a strong foundation in math and literacy skills through targeted, differentiated instruction. Through the implementation of the workshop model, teachers meet with small groups of students daily or confer with them individually to support their specific learning needs. This ensures that students are meeting their personal growth goals. In order to best support students, data is gathered from running records, classroom assessments, and the school-wide progress monitoring system, as well as through conference notes and observations. Progress Driven Feedback is communicated to parents with specific information about how their student is mastering each grade level standard. We work hard to make sure that students not only meet their academic success, but also their behavioral success. Our school counselors meet with classroom teachers frequently to make sure students' social and emotional needs are being met. All Rocky Creek Elementary School staff lead by our motto that we are ready to learn, celebrate each other, exemplify kindness, and stay safe. Through this motto, we empower all Rangers to take risks in their academic pursuits and find success.

**Teaching and learning develop power skills in all students.**

We focus on Lexington School District One's Power Skills of critical thinking, collaboration, communication, integrity, perseverance, willingness to take risks, accountability, and interpersonal skills. We integrate these Power Skills into everyday life at The Creek. We study a new Power Skill each week and announce quarterly leadership awards in these areas. In addition, students start their day participating in a Morning Meeting across all classrooms. We also provide opportunities for students to apply Power Skills in their daily lives through leadership opportunities like "Ready Rangers" and "Unified Buddies."

**Our schools are service-oriented centers of learning, committed to family and community partnerships.**

Rocky Creek is honored to have an involved Parent Teacher Organization and School Improvement Council. These two organizations are essential in supporting our school's vision and mission. Our SIC supports the school work plan by implementing strategies to build our students' math and literacy skills. Our PTO sponsors events and fundraisers that directly support the work our teachers are doing in their

classrooms through parent volunteer opportunities and instructional resources. Our PTO hosts events to provide multiple opportunities for family participation beyond the school day.

**Every adult will be equipped with the skills and resources necessary to advocate for and ensure the success of all students.**

We believe that all Rocky Creek staff members are lifelong learners and that growing professionally is crucial to impacting instruction in the classroom. Staff members participate in professional learning sessions at our school and at the district level throughout the school year. In these professional learning communities, our staff uses a variety of data sources to identify needs, create action plans, and assess the effectiveness of interventions to support the success of all students. The learning through these professional learning communities help our staff to implement ideas to address the needs in their classrooms while strengthening school culture and community.