

# Meadow Glen Elementary

*Home of the Explorers*



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*Rooted in Knowledge  
Growing in Wisdom*

### Our Mission

*The mission of Meadow Glen Elementary is to create a high performing school, which effectively motivates everyone to fulfill their highest aspirations, to be self-directed learners, to serve others, and to become active leaders in building a better tomorrow.*

### Our Vision

*As Meadow Glen Explorers, our vision is to see, hear, and experience life from various angles allowing us a limitless future as we explore the world. MGES staff, student body, and families have a strong sense of belonging and they care about making thoughtful and meaningful decisions.*

*Our MGES graduates are collaborative, critical thinkers, creative, effective communicators and produce high quality work.*

### Important Dates

January 5	Welcome Back Students
January 10	SIC Meeting 5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
January 12	Report Cards Issued
January 16	School Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 23	4K, 5K, and New First Grade Registration Begins

### Looking Ahead

February 1	Collaborative Planning Day - Dismissal @ 11:40 a.m.
February 17	No School for Students
February 20	Severe Weather Make Up Day -Full Day for Students and Staff

**\*\*11<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest Art Show will be held in February. More information to come.**

### Important reminders:

- Our school day/instruction begins promptly at **7:40 a.m.**
- Students are allowed to go into the classroom at 7:25 a.m. PLEASE leave early enough to have your child here on time.
- For the safety of our students, all visiting adults must provide a driver's license, which will be scanned in the front office.
- NO early dismissals or transportation changes will be made after 2:00 p.m. Please DO NOT email any transportation changes to your child's teacher or the office. Changes must be in writing or via phone call to the office.
- **Yearbooks are on sale!!** Go to [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) to order now and avoid the price increase in January. Click on yearbooks and choose Meadow Glen Elementary. If you have any questions, please contact Jostens directly.



**2017-2018 Kindergarten Registration:** Beginning on Monday, January 23, 2017. MGES will start registering NEW students for 4K, 5K, and NEW First Grade for the 2017-2018 School Year from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will have extended hours on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. You must have the following items to register your child:

- Current electric/water bill (address zoned for MGES)
- Child's long birth certificate
- Child's immunization record
- Parent's driver's license



**Kindergarten Immersion Information:** Fall 2017-2018 registration will open in January 2017. There will be more information coming soon. Immersion Parent Information Meetings will be held in February at the Lexington One District Office, located at 100 Tarrar Springs Road, Lexington, SC 29072. For more information on the specific date(s) and time(s), please log on to [lexoneworldlanguages.weebly.com](http://lexoneworldlanguages.weebly.com) for updates.



### SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Thank you Lexington School District One School Board for your service to children, teachers, parents and the community.

Back Row: Sandra Kay Bachman, Anne Marie Green, Grady V. Harmon, Cynthia S. Smith

Front Row: Mike Anderson, Dr. Bradley R. Pitts, Debra L. Knight

YOU ARE AWESOME!

### Media Center News

"MGES students can access our eBook collection at home using personal devices, such as iPads and computers. If using an iPad, you must first download the *Destiny Discover* app from the App Store, search for our school, and then enter the login information. If using a computer, students can access our online catalog by going to our Virtual Learning Commons at [mgeslearningcommons.weebly.com](http://mgeslearningcommons.weebly.com), and selecting the Destiny Quest link at the bottom of the home page. Then, select our school from the list and enter the login information. The username and password are both **mges**. If you have any questions, contact the Media Center at (803) 821-0410."



**LOST and FOUND:** PLEASE stop by the lost and found if your child has misplaced an important item. We have MANY things that have not found their way home yet. We have jackets, coats, water bottles, lunch boxes, gloves, shoes. Our lost and found is located on the 400 Hall at the entrance to the Gym, Room #412. For smaller items such as jewelry, bows, or other valuables, please check with the front office.

Give back to MGES by using your Publix Partners card when checking out. It's simple, just have the cashier scan your card and "Make a Difference" simply by shopping at Publix. We have also partnered with Office Depot and their "Give Back to Schools" program. Pick up both cards from the front office and help give back to MGES! Thanks for all you do :)

During the third nine weeks, our students will focus on the Habit of Scholarship of **craftsmanship**. This habit will help student develop high-quality work. Information about the attributes of high-quality student work is below.

## Attributes of High-Quality Student Work

*The descriptions below are intended to provide educators with common vision and terminology as they engage in using student work to improve teaching and learning, be it shorter task work or products that are the result of long-term projects. These attributes are not intended to constrain a conversation about quality, and not all descriptors must be present for a piece of work to be high quality. They are intended to provoke deeper conversation and act as a starting point for formulating a shared understanding of quality. These descriptions align with EL Core Practices 5 (Designing Projects and Products) and 7 (Producing High-Quality Student Work).*

### Complexity

- Complex work is rigorous: it aligns with or exceeds the expectations defined by grade-level standards and includes higher-order thinking by challenging students to apply, analyze, evaluate, and create during daily instruction and throughout longer projects.
- Complex work often connects to the big concepts that undergird disciplines or unite disciplines.
- Complex work prioritizes transfer of understanding to new contexts.
- Complex work prioritizes consideration of multiple perspectives.
- Complex work may incorporate students' application of higher order literacy skills through the use of complex text and evidence-based writing and speaking.

### Craftsmanship

- Well-crafted work is done with care and precision. Craftsmanship requires attention to accuracy, detail, and beauty.
- In every discipline and domain, well-crafted work should be beautiful work in conception and execution. In short tasks or early drafts of work, craftsmanship may be present primarily in thoughtful ideas, but not in polished presentation; for long-term projects, craftsmanship requires perseverance to refine work in conception, conventions, and presentation, typically through multiple drafts or rehearsals with critique from others.

### Authenticity

- Authentic work demonstrates the original, creative thinking of students—authentic personal voice and ideas—rather than simply showing that students can follow directions or fill in the blanks.
- Authentic work often uses formats and standards from the professional world, rather than artificial school formats (e.g., students create a book review for a local newspaper instead of a book report for the teacher).
- Authentic work often connects academic standards with real-world issues, controversies, and local people and places.
- Authenticity gives purpose to work; the work matters to students and ideally contributes to a larger community.