



“Unleashing Each Student’s Potential”

Mary C. Greer Elementary School Home of the Geckos

Embracing Diversity and Building Community

Greer Elementary School, Albemarle County’s most diverse pre-K-5 school, is fully committed to creating an equality of opportunity for every one of our children through an educational program focused on each



Principal Robyn Bolling

individual student. Greer’s physical environment, via expansion and renovations completed to this point, encourages the kind of flexible education we believe in. From the cafeteria to kindergarten classrooms, students learn to make reasonable choices based on their needs and create their own learning environments while respecting others.

School Highlights

One of the hallmarks of the student experience at Greer is the focus the school places on embracing diversity and building community. This work begins each year prior to the start of school when all teachers leave the building to visit the homes of the students whom they will be teaching that year. This allows teachers to begin building a positive relationship with their students and their families, and allows the staff to ensure there are no questions about school transportation, that teachers have the best contact information for families, and that they have found out something special about each child prior to them arriving at a school.

The home visits also allow the Greer staff to develop an understanding of, and appreciation for, the varied cultural backgrounds students bring to the school. Cultural diversity continues to be celebrated throughout the school year through monthly community events such as

pot-luck dinners and a cultural heritage night that are always well attended by students and parents.

When students arrive at school for the year, teachers continue to get to know them and to build a strong community within the school by a faithful adherence to the tenets of the

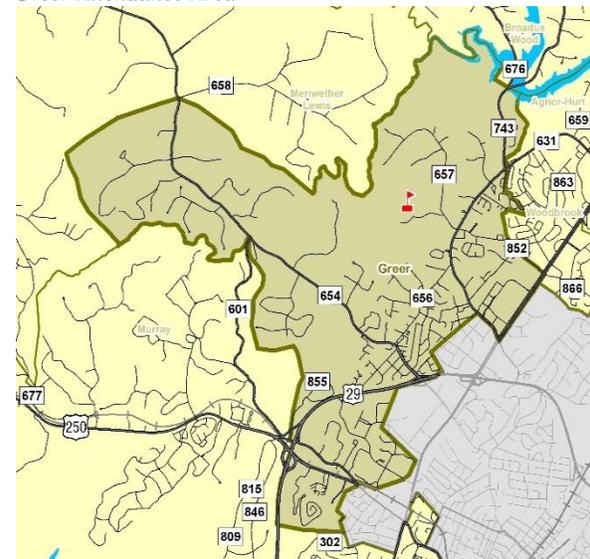


Responsive Classroom program. All staff know that they must impact both a student’s academic learning as well as their social and emotional well-being to truly see growth and success.

Outside of the classroom, the school strives to provide many different enrichment opportunities for kids through such things as partnerships with the Charlottesville Ballet, and the

McGuffey Reading Center, as well as a strong relationship with the Virginia Film Festival.

Greer Attendance Area



Facility Information

- Built in 1974
- 98,158 sq. ft.
- Last major renovation 2013