



Cherokee Trail Elementary

Ongela Nance, Principal

“At Cherokee Trail Elementary, all students will reach new heights!”

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

I hope you’ve all had a restful and enjoyable summer. I’m truly excited to kick off another EXCELLENT school year at Cherokee Trail Elementary! I want to personally thank you for being so warm and welcoming! It is an honor to serve such a great school community! *“Home is Where the Heart Is!”* Our mission is to Stand Tall Together, so that ALL students can Reach New Heights.

As we begin the year, please take a moment to review the student handbook with your child. It contains important information and answers to many common questions. If you have any questions about the handbook or need further clarification, don’t hesitate to reach out.

You will notice that our new tardy time is 7:50AM. If your student arrives after 7:50, they are tardy. 3 tardies and/or early dismissals will automatically remove students from eligibility for perfect attendance. ***SC law states that students are truant after 3 consecutive absences, or 5 total unlawful absences.*** While we understand that life happens, and some things are unavoidable, please know that regular school attendance is the key to academic success!

Another important piece of new information is: ***SC law states that teachers cannot give a minimum grade on assignments and tests. Students will be assigned the grade they earned.*** I want to encourage you to set a routine for reading, studying, and asking questions about learning.

Safety is another priority this school year. With our changing world and society it is important to ensure that your children are safe when they are in our care. You will notice some changes with office procedures, school events, and overall access to the building.

Working together as a team—students, families, and staff—we are confident that this will be a successful and meaningful year. Let’s Stand Tall Together, so OUR Eagles will ALL reach new heights! I look forward to partnering with you and making this school year a great one!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ongela Nance