

Orange Grove has been recognized for its excellence both on a state and national level. It has received several prestigious awards, which include the National Blue Ribbon Award for Exemplary Schools from the U.S. Department of Education; the SC Palmetto's Finest Award; Exemplary Writing School; Palmetto Gold; and the Environmental School of the Year. Incentive Reward funds totaling over \$264,000 were received from the SC Department of Education for outstanding test scores over a period of twelve years.

Orange Grove's curriculum overflows with innovative, motivational techniques for instructing children of all different ability levels. We strive to create a learning environment, which will challenge and stimulate all students so that maximum learning will occur. Effective instructional programs such as Daily Oral Language and Accelerated Reader enhance our curriculum, along with an emphasis on writing, hands-on math and science activities, and literature.

The world of technology comes alive for our students with three networked computer labs, SMART Boards, and PC's in all the classrooms. Strong parental support and active involvement have been key ingredients in the success of Orange Grove School. Our PTA has had 100% membership for the past 41 years. Twenty business education partners also support our school with their time and resources.

This year we are proud and excited to move into our new building. The new 85,000-square foot building is the first that a South Carolina school district has built and designed specifically for a charter school. Charter schools are publicly funded schools that are run by independent boards of parents and community members. Orange Grove Elementary converted to a charter in 2006.

When you enter the building, you see a stained-glass face of a tiger, the school's mascot, that was designed and created by the school's occupational therapist. On the floor of the school's main foyer, you will see tiles that come together to form a large tiger face and the school's name. As our students return to their new school, we want them to remember that they are our "LEARNERS TODAY - LEADERS TOMORROW!"