

Character Education

Discovery Ridge is a Caring School Community

Discovery Ridge Elementary is a member of CHARACTER*plus* and participates in the Caring School Community program. More information can be found at www.characterplus.org. The Caring School Community (CSC) program is a researched-based program that builds classroom and school-wide community. Discovery Ridge's implementation of CSC and character education includes the following components:

Class Meetings

- Build a sense of community
- Help students plan, make decisions, and solve problems
- Encourage students to reflect on their learning and relationships
- Occur at least weekly

Cross-age Buddies

- Older and younger elementary students are paired
- Students get to know each other and explore academic content
- Occur at least monthly

Homeside Activities

- Students complete activities with a family member at home
- Activities foster conversations at home with a link to school
- Occur at least quarterly

Schoolwide Community-Building Activities

- Links school and community
- Inclusive, focus on building relationships
- Often involve service learning component at least quarterly
- Monthly student rallies are focused on character, leadership, and service