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Cool School: Cape Romain Environmental Education Charter

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They're called CREECS, pronounced Creeks, Cape Romain Environmental Education Charter School. It's a unique school in Mcclellanville in Charleston county. We're in Charleston county for our Cool School of the week.

CREECS is the only environmental education school in South Carolina. It's a new public charter school located between the Francis Marion National Forest and the Cape Romain Wildlife Refuge, and offers parents a unique option, serving students from all counties.

Right now, the school has students in kindergarten through fifth grade, but plan to add a grade a year through grade eighth grade. The school has small class sizes. CREECS teachers are all highly qualified and teach math

using singapore math instructional strategies. Learning is project-based and interesting.

Principal, Dr. Sally I'Anson says, "We're really out learning through hands on science and experimental learning and that makes us super cool." Third grade student Ethan Anderson says, "Its really fun."

First grade teacher April Zorn says, "CREECS is the most amazing place to work, and for these children to come to school. They love being here. At the end of the day, when a child is sad to leave school, you know you're doing something right. Our kids love being here, and we're already seeing them making a difference in our environment and that's our goal."

Fifth grade student Cherish Conyers says, "It's great. Its way more different than other schools. I like the teachers. They're all nice and I love the environment."

Every student in grades 4 and 5 has an Ipad to use in the classroom and for homework assignments.

Coming up Wednesday on News 2 Today, we'll take a closer look at CREECS, and it's unique environmental education structure.

We want to hear about the good things going on at your school. Send an email to Octavia at omitchell@wcbd.com. Maybe your school will be the next cool school of the week.

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