

## **Tammie Granger**

In 1980 I went to the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina. I graduated in 1984 with a degree in Elementary Education and certification in Early Childhood Education. I began my teaching career in Charleston County School District in August, 1984. I was a first grade teacher at Memminger Elementary. I taught there for 25 years. I also taught in our first full day Kindergarten program, second grade, and became the first technology teacher there. My career then moved to W. B. Goodwin Elementary in 2009 where I became their technology teacher. I have remained in that position since my transfer.

I have been fortunate to participate in many programs and have received several awards over the years. I was the Teacher of the Year for the 2007-2008 School Year at Memminger Elementary. I have received recognition as Teacher of the Month at Goodwin Elementary. I was recently awarded the February 2017 Future Scholar Financial Literacy Program's Teacher of the Month. The greatest award or reward I have received is getting to see my students graduating from high school, college or out in our community working. My belief is that if we set our student's goals high through high expectations, our students will achieve them. As their teachers, we must always be their cheerleader and help them see that they can reach any goal they choose.

I have served as a mentor to new teachers and a cooperating teacher to numerous student teachers. I was working at Memminger Elementary when we became the first Accelerated School in South Carolina. I presented a session at an Accelerated Schools Conference. I have contributed to the writing of State Health Standards. I have served as a professor for Parent University at both schools. I serve on our school's School Improvement Council.

I would like to thank all of my coworkers over my 33 years in education for helping me become the teacher that I am today. Also, a huge thanks goes to my students for the lessons they have taught me and continue to teach me. As I tell my students, I am always learning every day. I appreciate the support I have received over the years from the students' families and my family.