



**Memminger Elementary
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Partners in Education and Fun: Memminger and CofC

Charleston, SC – College of Charleston student-athletes are becoming a fixture at Memminger Elementary School. For example, a few of them were recently seen doing something new and fun: [GoNoodle](#) with four-year-olds in a Child Development classroom.

This is part of the working partnership Memminger staff has created with the College of Charleston Athletic Department in order to further and sustain community relations. The student-athletes spend time with the students at Memminger reading books, doing small group activities, and letting the students show off their academic achievements.

"Partnering with the student-athletes of the college has provided an insight for Memminger buddy readers to understand the importance of academics when it comes to loving their sport," explained Principal Dr. Abigail Woods. "Further, having a diverse group of College of Charleston student-athletes visit increases our students' ability to see themselves successful in a college setting. We are excited about this extension of our College of Charleston partnership."

Students-athletes from various teams at CofC are also emphasizing how important being successful in school is for their future; no matter what that looks like for them individually. Both Memminger and College of Charleston staff look forward to future opportunities this partnership will bring to both the students and student-athletes.

"After visiting several downtown elementary schools during our department's first-ever Day of Service event in December, we realized the heart our student-athletes have for engaging with younger students in the community and wanted to build of the momentum of that day," explained Kate Tiller, CofC's Assistant AD for Student-Athlete Academic Service. "We are pleased that they can use their experiences to positively impact the lives of young people who are our neighbors and plan to enhance the program in the future."

To learn about this partnership, contact Memminger Principal Dr. Abigail Woods at (843) 724-7778 or Remy Starker with the College of Charleston at rvstarke@cofc.edu.

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