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Rock Springs Elementary School students begin 2013 in a new school *Rockets return to new classrooms, technology following holiday break*

Jan. 7, 2013 -- The Rock Springs Rockets return to a brand new, 21st century school following their holiday break. Orange County taxpayers gifted Rock Springs with a comprehensive renovation when they approved the 2002 half-penny sales tax referendum. The campus includes new classrooms, administration suite, media center, art lab, music lab, computer labs, and cafeteria. The school also has new play space including a covered play area. Students will enjoy the latest classroom technology with computers, digital projectors and interactive whiteboards.

“Our children will benefit from this 21st century school, especially the classroom technology,” said Orange County School Board member Christine Moore, whose district contains Rock Springs Elementary School. “We’re grateful to the community for this wonderful facility.”

Rock Springs Elementary is designed for 854 students attending kindergarten through fifth grade. During construction, students attended class in what was the Apopka Ninth Grade Center. The original Rock Springs campus, located in northwest Orange County, opened in the 1988 – 1989 school year.

Orange County Public Schools Chief Facilities Officer John Morris explained, “We like to move students into new accommodations as quickly as possible without disruption. The holiday break provided the perfect timing. The Rockets return to great new classrooms.”

Kindergarten and first graders at Zellwood Elementary return to a newly renovated classroom building. Elsewhere in the county, students return to a new replacement school at Westridge Middle School and a new classroom building at Winegard Elementary School. All these schools offer 21st century classroom technology.

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