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First-grader Jordan Broyhill was just one of many students jumping for joy Monday afternoon as they tried out parts of the new playground at Soda Creek Elementary School. The children still have to wait for a protective mat to be installed before they can play on the new playground.

Soda Creek springs to life

Zach Fridell
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The word of the day was "awesome."

The new Soda Creek Elementary School, in its first day of operation after more than a year of construction, received a stamp of approval Monday from enthusiastic students who deemed the school not only "awesome," but also "very big."

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Photos of Soda Creek
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"I think it's really awesome, and I like the big rooms we have. Not everything is squeezed together like at the old building," fourth-grader Alisha Khanna said. Fellow fourth-grader Hadley McGee said it was the amenities she noticed the most. "It's really cool because we have fireplaces where we can

do our work, and we have a cooler playground," she said.

Two fireplaces are located on either side of a wall dividing the media center from the cafeteria, and another fireplace is in the teacher lounge area. Second-graders Morgan Mosher, Delaney Ziegman and a table full of their friends each took turns proclaiming the school "awesome" as they ate lunch in the cafeteria Monday.

"I like this better than the

old school because this one is bigger," Morgan said. "The old one was teeny."

Delaney agreed but said there were also some adjustments the students had to make after moving from the Camp Soda Creek mobile units.

"There's no talking at all. We're used to outside hallways, so that's new," she said.

Many things were new to the

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