



# Clifdale Elementary School

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2010-11

## School Renewal Summary

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### *Principal's Message*

**Jan Scott, Principal**

The Clifdale family celebrated the start of the 2010-11 school year in August with our annual family picnic. It was the first of many events throughout the year that brought us together as a school community. The involvement of parents in our building was encouraged

through many Title I and school programs as well as PTO sponsored events. Our school theme, *Wild About Learning*, brought enthusiasm for all things jungle-related and ushered in a high energy year for instruction and learning. We were excited to continue a professional development partnership with the Spartanburg Writing Project and a year-long collaboration with our second and third grade teachers and students. One of our teachers earned recognition as the District Three Teacher of the Year and another faculty member distinguished herself as the State Council for Exceptional Children's Exceptional Teacher of the Year. We inducted six 5<sup>th</sup> grade students into the National Junior Beta Club and had a number of students were also recognized as Duke Tip academic scholars. We offered qualifying students in the upper grades opportunities through academic ATLAS, Art and Music ATLAS. Student Success assemblies, held at the end of the nine weeks for grades three to five, gave us an opportunity to showcase student achievement. Students enjoyed many afterschool clubs such as sports camps, *Homework Center*, *Book Club* and *4H Pet Pals*. School culture continues to be impacted by our Positive Behavior program that rewards individual students and classes for demonstrating the 4 Tiger Traits (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready, and Be Safe.). Every grade level held a special event and invited parents in to share in a learning experience. Fifth graders took a memorable 3-day trip to Camp Sewee, a barrier Island. A hugely successful spring musical performance of *Something Magical* was a culminating show of the artistic talents of our students and staff.

Our school PTO and SIC volunteers put in countless hours assisting our teachers in the classroom, accompanying students on field trips, and working with individual and small groups on academic needs. Clifdale raised nearly \$11,000 for Relay for Life and were generous in their support of community fundraisers.

*Jan Scott*

## *Clifdale 2010-11 Major Accomplishments*

- Through a renewed partnership with Spartanburg Writing Project we moved our writing program for teachers and students down into 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades.
- We modified the role of the library media specialist for grades 3-5 to include more classroom support through team teaching research projects and integrating current technology.
- Our library was open each Wednesday morning in the summer and checked out nearly 450 books to 43 of our students. Our library circulated more than 21,000 books last year.
- At least 70% of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students met or exceeded achievement targets in reading using Measures of Academic Progress assessment.
- Staff development for teachers will focus on developing quality instructional assessments and utilizing data to drive instruction.
- We continued to stress early literacy and offered a summer program for at-risk students at all grade levels (primary grade 4 weeks/upper grades 2 weeks)
- Our Homework Center assisted 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders 4 days per week.
- initiated a Gentlemen's Club for at-risk 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys that met weekly with a local minister.
- Our Positive Behavior program has become a standard for behavior management.
- *Lunch With Leaders* program was developed to help 5th graders transition well to middle school and encourage them to set high goals for their future. Each week 4 students had lunch with the principal and guidance counselor.
- We completed a major renovation of our nature trail through a Lowe's grant given to our school improvement council. We now have a covered area with tables for an outdoor classroom.

## *Clifdale 2011-12 Priorities*

- Safety will continue to be a priority school wide.
- A school goal is set for moving from a *Good* rating on PASS state assessment to a rating of *Excellent*.
- Three times during the year we will have a school wide writing prompt scored and analyzed to strengthen student responses.
- Timed math facts tests will be given regularly throughout the year at all grades and data will be used for focus group instruction.
- Our *Gentlemen's Club* for at-risk 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys will be mentored weekly by one of our faculty members.
- The modified schedule for the library media specialist will promote co-teaching and integration of current technology into student research projects in grades 2-5.
- *Leveled Literacy Intervention* (small group pullout) program will be used with any student who is reading more than two grade levels below average.
- *The Response to Intervention (RTI)* committee will meet monthly to discuss and set interventions for struggling students.
- We will continue our goal of at least 75% of our students meeting or exceeding MAP targets in reading, math and language and science.
- Staff development for teachers will focus on developing strong assessment tools and data analysis.
- We will continue to stress early literacy and offer a summer program for at-risk students.
- Our Positive Behavior program will be maintained.
- We will strengthen our science achievement through emphasis on inquiry skills, note booking and local field study experiences.

***Student Achievement Data***

**PASS Performance  
2010-11  
Students Meeting Standard  
Spartanburg School District Three**

**Clifdale Elementary School  
Grade 3**

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Year	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
2010	79.2	79.2	63	84.6	70.4
2011	83.3	85.4	92	87	NA

**Clifdale Elementary School  
Grade 4**

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Year	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
2010	64.4	71.1	68.9	71.1	64.4
2011	84	82	88	94	NA

**Clifdale Elementary School  
Grade 5**

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Year	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
2010	71	54.8	58.1	61.3	61.3
2011	64	58	60	76	76

