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Mission Statement

With the cooperation of parents and the community, the mission of Lemira Elementary School is to develop the whole child as a productive, competent member of society through challenging learning opportunities.



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Sumter School District 17



Lemira Elementary School

Annual Report
2010 - 2011

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The School Improvement Council at Lemira Elementary School has prepared this Annual Report for you and the community. The report includes some activities and accomplishments implemented during the 2010-2011 school year.

Lemira Elementary School had two objectives for 2010-2011. Major objectives and evidence of progress in meeting them are presented below:

Objective 1: Students will increase their skills in mathematics and problem solving.

Evidence: All students used Math Journals based on ongoing professional development provided by Clemson Extension. Each week, different grade-levels solved a standards-based school-wide Math Challenge question. All students attended Math Lab at least twice a month. Small group instruction, which focused on mathematics and problem-solving skills, was driven by various sources of data.

Objective 2: Students will write for a variety of purposes.

Evidence: Professional development, including several book studies, was provided to assist teachers in the successful implementation of Writer's Workshop. All students used Writer's Notebooks and wrote across the curriculum. Each month, one student from each class was recognized as the Author of the Month. Teachers conferenced with students about their writing and used the information to guide instruction. All students were given the opportunity to publish a book through the StudentTreasures program. Student writing was tied to our visit from author Michael Shoulders.

Celebrating Successes

- Lemira was named a 2010 Red Carpet School
- Delcia Harper-Baxter received the Principal of the Year Award from the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)
- Kim Johnston was '10-'11 Teacher of the Year for both Lemira Elementary School and Sumter School District 17
- Zan Pender received the Human Rights Award from the South Carolina Counselor's Association
- Delcia Harper-Baxter received the Administrator of the Year Award from the South Carolina Counselor's Association
- SCETV did a special entitled "It Can Be Done," which focused on the literacy program at Lemira
- The Lemira Percussion Ensemble performed at the Spoleto Festival and the LEAF Festival, among others
- Students received fresh fruits and vegetables as a snack twice a week through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Grant

Goals and Strategies for Improvement in 2011-2012

Goal #1: Students and teachers will increase their technology skills

Strategy: Teachers will use and continue to receive training on the effective use of Promethean Boards in the classroom. Students in 4th and 5th grade will use the netbooks and iPods purchased through the technology grant to enhance their learning. Students in grades 4 and 5 will use the inner-school email provided by the district website. Professional Development will focus on using technology to increase student engagement and achievement. Teachers will use ClassWorks data to guide instruction. The media center will provide opportunities for students to access technology such as eReaders and Play Aways.

Goal #2: Students will become real-world readers through participation in authentic literature experiences.

Strategy: Students will read independently daily and professional development will be provided to assist teachers in the effective use of conferencing during independent reading. Students in all grade-levels will have the chance to share their reflections on their reading through Writer's Notebooks and Author's Teas. Students will be given the opportunity to share what they have learned in all subject areas through oral presentations. Students will participate in literature circles and book talks based on their interests and needs. Early Literature Interventions will be provided for students in the primary grades.

