

Working with the community, we will provide a diverse, innovative education in a safe environment enabling students to become responsible citizens in a global society is the mission of York School District One and Hunter Street Elementary School. To help accomplish this mission, our faculty and staff continued to intensely focus on meeting district and school goals. Our students were constantly reading and writing with a continued emphasis on South Carolina State Standards. As the year moved on, we began preparing for Common Core State Standards while still maintaining focus on state standards. Our media specialist and teachers began to work more on research skills and increasing rigor in their instruction. Our teachers were also awarded several grants to help provide additional support for our literacy program. Our music teacher and art teacher continued to utilize the Arts Curricular Innovation Grant entitled "Lights, Camera, Action: Using Theatre and Arts Integration To Drive Creative Thinking." We also used the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) data to create flexible leveled guided reading groups. We worked diligently to meet our district goals of using data to drive decision making, remaining up to date on technology and providing extra time and extra help to our students.

Because we believe that education is a cooperative effort between the schools and the community, we continued to work with Winthrop University as a NetSCOPE Professional Development School. This partnership benefited our students in several ways. It allowed us to have nine (9) very bright Winthrop University student interns. Three of these interns were able to work the entire year with our teachers and students! Professional development sessions facilitated by distinguished Winthrop Professors were another benefit of being a NetSCOPE Professional Development School. During these professional development sessions, the Winthrop professors, Hunter Street teachers and administrators shared instructional strategies and best practices.

In addition to our partnership with Winthrop, we continued to effectively partner with our parents, business leaders and community members during the year since they were and are essential to the success of Hunter Street Elementary School. Thank you for helping make Hunter Street such a wonderful place to learn as we spark potential and inspire success!

Because of effective teamwork and sincere caring, our Hunter Street Family is truly striving for excellence. During the 2012-2013 school year, we were recognized as a Palmetto Gold and Silver School. Our teachers are phenomenal, our parents are super and our students are the best. At Hunter Street, we are truly committed to achieving our vision of building the foundation for tomorrow by sparking potential and inspiring success.

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