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Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of our school's progress towards shared goals. We opened the school year with new and improved fields to support student physical education and recreation. New play equipment was added to the field. An intricate infrastructure of draining and irrigation systems supports our new play fields, and hopefully will keep them in use for years to come. The main building enjoyed updates as well. We now have an updated, secure entry area. Prior to the beginning of school, our heating and air conditioning systems and plumbing facilities were updated. Three bathroom areas were renovated to include new flooring, walls, floors and fixtures. We opened the school year for the first time with the Early Childhood Center in place!

Our comprehensive commitment to classroom instruction and parent involvement has resulted in high levels of student achievement. M.C. Riley was a Palmetto Silver Award winner in 2009 and 2010, this year we were Palmetto Gold winners!! We met Annual Yearly Progress (A.Y.P.) on our state report card. Our absolute rating was "Good" and growth rating was "Excellent". These awards and improvement ratings inform us as educators and parents that all socio-economic sub groups are achieving at high levels. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing scores in the fall of 2010 and winter 2011 indicate we are continuing to improve individual and school wide test scores in ELA and Math. Our 2010 scores include:

2010 PASS Data Overview

Grade	ELA Percent of students scoring Not Met	ELA Percent of students scoring Met and Exemplary	Math Percent of students scoring Not Met	Math Percent of students scoring Met and Exemplary
Grade 3	17	82	20	79
Grade 4	18	82	14	85
Grade 5	10	89	15	84

As a principal new to the M.C. Riley ECC and Elementary School I have been impressed with the breadth of opportunities parents have to participate with their child in school activities. Our school year begins with an Orientation and Ice Cream Social sponsored by the M.C. Riley P.T.O. We commemorate military members and families during American Pride Ceremony. Families are invited to grow and learn through school sponsored programs including: Family Math Night, parent visitation days, Annual Food Drive, Kids Club, Project REACH, Health Fair, Arts Festival, Honor Roll Assemblies and Pep Rally, parent conferences, Career Fair, Field Day, School Spirit Week and the International Festival. Our active M.C. Riley P.T.O. plans events to include students and families. The M.C. Riley P.T.O. sponsored a well attended Riley Family Fun Festival which kicked off our Riley Run fundraiser. In December, the community participated in the M.C. Riley Holiday Craft Fair and in March collaborated with Monster Pizza on a Take and Bake Pizza fund raiser. Our parents and P.T.O. Board support us on a daily basis. M.C. Riley teachers, parents and students live our motto, "A school where school and community come together".

Thank you for your help and support. We are committed to your child's academic success!

Sincerely,

Adrienne Sutton
Principal

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SIC Chairperson