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Introduction

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFC) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2010-2011 school year.

Our School Improvement Council reviews our goals and achievements and reports progress to our school family and community. St. Helena Campus believes that we must all work together because "Education is Everybody's Business!"

School Mission

"Students will explore life and academics to prepare them for opportunities beyond high school in a global society."

School Vision

"Students will perform in all academic and social settings to master skills needed to be successful and an active participant in their learning."

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Title I School wide Program

St. Helena Elementary School

"A Title I School wide Project School"



School Improvement Council Report



2010-2011

Programs for the Year

- STEM for grades two through five
- Art's integrated program for grades 2 - 5
- Four Pre-Kindergarten classes serving 80 students
- After school program with focus on math
- Extended school year from 180 days to 200 days
- Extended school day by 25 minutes for instruction
- Thematic units created and written by teachers in grades Pre-K – 1 with a science focus
- Science Lab
- Promethean Boards for interactive learning in all classrooms
- TAP for teacher assessment
- Flexible lab for scheduling individual students and small groups
- Master teachers at each grade level to lead instruction and data
- Two literacy teachers
- Alphabet Junction for Kindergarten
- Every Day Math in Pre-kindergarten
- Grandparent Rockers for Pre-kindergarten
- Habits of Mind
- Mentoring program for 4th and 5th grade boys
- 20% gains from Spring to Spring MAP scores from 1-3 levels

Grants

- SHIP program for the arts in after school settings
- Lowe's
- Palmetto Pride
- Eco-Habitat Trail



Focus of Instruction

- To increase learning growth from one year to one and a half years in math and reading
- To add the arts in all disciplines
- To implement STEM units which incorporate science, technology, engineering, and math
- To incorporate Habits of Mind as a way of thinking and learning with (PBIS) Positive Behavior Intervention Supports

Community Outreach

- Raised money for leukemia
- Collected cans of food for families in need
- Donated Christmas gifts to area families
- Raised funds for heart research with Jump Rope for Heart
- Donated Thanksgiving baskets to families in need

Assessments

- Dominic Reading Assessments / Benchmark Tests
- PASS for grades 3 through 5
- At risk absolute and growth rating for meeting 80% proficiency in 2014

Special Activities

- Cookout greeting at the beginning of the year
- Open Houses
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Family education night with explanations of programs
- Technology night
- Actors and actresses in play for Heritage Days
- Field Trips including Kennedy Space Center for Fifth Graders
- Four Kinder Club meetings
- School dances
- Black History Month Program with the community
- Night of Champions focusing on literacy, math, and science
- Night of The Arts
- Back Pack Buddies
- Field day for all grades
- Monthly Parent Chats on student issues
- Award ceremonies
- PBIS monthly reward gatherings

