

School Improvement
Council

Report to Parents
2013-2014

Jennie Moore Elementary School



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Jennie Moore has over
400 volunteers
committed to helping
achieve our mission!

We truly appreciate the
dedication and support
provided to both our staff
and students.

THANK YOU!!

The Jennie Moore Difference

Jennie Moore Elementary is an art infused magnet school for the East Cooper District. With our arts infusion program, instruction is based on the South Carolina State Standards and through the arts, learning is integrated across all areas of the curriculum. The arts program provides an opportunity for all children to learn and develop their creativity through Art, Music, PE, Drama, Spanish and Technology.

Major Accomplishments

School Report Card (2012-2013)

Absolute Rating=Excellent Growth Rating=Good
Adequate Yearly Progress- Yes, met all 17 standards
ESEA Rating= A

2007 National Blue Ribbon School

The Jennie Moore Experience

Learning For All Students:

In the ninth year of implementation, Jennie Moore has continued to administer the MAP test to all students. Three times a year students are assessed in the areas of Reading, Math and Language. Teachers use this information to plan for and guide their instruction.

Teacher Collaboration:

Classroom teachers and special area teachers collaborate to provide students with integrated learning experiences. Grade level curriculum standards are infused in the arts program and the arts standards are infused in the classroom. Teachers and specialists work together to develop intervention programs for students needing additional assistance.

Foreign Language:

Jennie Moore is proud to offer foreign language. Spanish instruction begins in kindergarten and continues through fifth grade, preparing students for advanced foreign language courses.

Community

JME teachers, staff and students support over a dozen charities by raising funds and awareness for these programs. One of our largest fundraising charity events was **Jump Rope For Heart**.

Quarterly, **Finding Out With Felder and Fitz** offers all parents an opportunity for open discussions with the administration on current topics of interest.

In conjunction with National Center for Safe Routes to School, JME sponsored a **Bike Safety Rodeo** in October and again in March. Many students and their parents enjoyed learning about bike safety. Students participated in the local poster contest.

Literacy Initiatives

- **The Literacy Team**, sponsored by the PTA, organized and implemented several initiatives to encourage both students and families to read throughout the year.
- **Read Across America** celebrated Dr. Seuss. Students created crazy "Seussical" hats.
- **Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System** was used to assess and monitor reading progress of all students in kindergarten through fifth grade.
- **Two Scholastic Book Fairs** were held to raise funds to purchase materials for our Media Center.
- **Home Reading Awards** were given to several JME families for their commitment to reading at home.
- **Author**, Jonathon Miller, visited to share his new book, *Sammy in Space*. Skippy Jon Jones visited to promote reading to our youngest readers.
- Media Center sponsored a **Reading Rivalry** between USC and Clemson fans to support reading for pleasure.

Healthy School Initiatives

- JME is proud of our **Healthy School Initiative** aimed at helping children make conscious choices in fueling their bodies and exercising. Offered this year were programs such as:
- **Taste It Tuesdays** Children were encouraged to try a new fruit/vegetable on Taste It Tuesday each month.
- **Healthy Choice Lunches** offered balanced menu options free of fried foods.
- **JME students and parents** participated in several fun runs and fitness events including the Roper St. Francis Jingle Bell Run in December, Monarch March Fitness Festival, Cooper River Bridge Kid's Run in April and monthly Fitness Fridays.
- **JME Wellness Committee** was awarded 3 grants to fund projects to support healthy choices.
- In partnership with the local Rotary chapter, JME's **Nutrition Club** provided at-risk students with nutritious food over the weekends.
- In coordination with the school clinic, students received services from a **Dental Van** three times during the year.

The Arts

- **Chorus**: 4th and 5th grade students
- **Advanced Drama**: 5th grade students
- **Advanced Art**: 4th and 5th grade students
- **Chimes Ensemble**: 4th grade students
- **Strings**: 5th grade students
- **Theatrical Productions**: "Treasure Island" highlighted the talents of the entire fifth grade.
- **Drama**: students learn all aspects of theatrical production.
- **The Fifth Annual Jennie Moore Hoedown**: showcased creativity of all children through talents developed in PE, Drama and Music.
- JME students had the opportunity to showcase their artwork and writings at the local **Barnes and Noble**.
- **PTA Reflections** is a national art competition that encourages students to create works of art based on a theme. Many pieces of art were submitted by our students. Students earned awards at the District and State levels.
- **Engaging Creative Minds** integrates creative experiences with community artists into the curriculum for students in grades 3-5.

Focus on At-Risk Students

- **I-Beam Program** supported students with weekly one-on-one mentoring. Mentors read with students for thirty minutes and then joined them for lunch and special bonding time.
- **Primary Grade Academy** served selected first, second and third grade students by providing one-on-one and small group reading assistance.
- **Challenged students** were given extra periods of direct instruction in a small group setting during the school day.
- **Volunteers** provided one-on-one reading assistance to many eager students.
- **Reading Recovery Program** provided first grade students additional help in reading with intense one-on-one instruction.
- **Universal Screening** for all kindergarten students helps identify those students at-risk and needing additional help as first graders.

