

School Improvement
Council

Report to Parents
2015-2016

Jennie Moore Elementary School



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The Jennie Moore Difference

Jennie Moore Elementary is a creative arts magnet school East of the Cooper. With our arts integrated 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, Dance, Spanish and Technology.

Major Accomplishments

2007 National Blue Ribbon School

2015 Palmetto Gold School

The Jennie Moore Experience

Learning For All Students:

In the eleventh year of implementation, Jennie Moore has continued to administer the MAP test to all students. 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.

Technology Enhanced:

As a 1:1 iPad school, all students receive an iPad to use during their daily instruction. Each classroom is equipped with an interactive SMARTboard for student use. Additionally, there are four computer labs in the building.

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**.
- PTA adopted **Pepperhill Elementary** and donated school supplies to help replenish their student supply closet.
- Quarterly, **Finding Out With Felder, Fitz, and Thomas too** offers all parents an opportunity for open discussions with the administration on current topics of interest.
- Our **Welcome Wagon** initiative reaches out to new JME families to welcome them to our school and community.
- Students and staff returned to our historical Hamlin Road location, in the Fall of 2015, in a brand new, multi-level, state of the art building.

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.
- **Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System** was used to assess and monitor reading progress of all students in first through fifth grade.
- **Two Scholastic Book Fairs** were held to raise funds to purchase materials for our Media Center.
- **The Literacy Team** celebrated summer readers and awards were given to top readers in grades pre-k through fifth grade.
- Media Center sponsored a **Reading Rivalry** between USC and Clemson fans to support reading for pleasure. In March students participated in **Read Across America**.

Healthy School Initiatives

- JME is proud of our **Healthy School Initiative** aimed at helping children make conscious choices in fueling their bodies and exercising.
- In conjunction with National Center for Safe Routes to School, JME sponsored a **Bike Safety Rodeo** in September.
- **Taste It Tuesdays** Children were encouraged to try a new fruit/vegetable on Taste It Tuesday each month.
- **Fitness Fridays**– Children participated in organized fitness activities on the monthly basis, during their recess time.
- **Walk to School**– Students and families walked a 1.5 mile course to school
- **JME Fit Kids**– Students meet daily for twenty minutes in the morning, to elevate their heart rates and get them excited and motivated for the school day.
- **JME students and parents** participated in several fun runs and fitness events, including the **Monarch March** biathlon.
- Staff have participated in afternoon **Barre, Yoga, and strength training classes** at JME.
- 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** two times during the year.

The Arts

- **Chorus:** 2nd grade Mini Monarchs, 4th and 5th grade student choir
- **Advanced Drama:** 5th grade students
- **Advanced Art:** 4th and 5th grade students
- **Chimes Ensemble:** 4th grade students
- **Strings:** 5th grade students
- **Theatrical Productions:** “The Lion King ” highlighted the talents of the entire fifth grade.
- **Drama:** students learn all aspects of theatrical production.
- **Dance**– 3rd grade Tap Club
- **Guitar Club**– 4th, and 5th graders
- **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.
- SIC has developed an **arts steering committee** and was awarded the strategic planning grant.
- JME has partnered with **Charleston Museum** to develop traveling trunks for teachers throughout the Charleston area to use in the classroom. (Set to debut in Fall 2016)

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 Grades Academy** served selected first, second and third grade students by providing one-on-one and small group reading assistance.
- **Students** were given extra periods of direct instruction in a small group setting during the school day, as needed.
- **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.

