At Oakland Elementary School we make data-driven decisions that benefit students and work vigorously to ensure that all of our students receive a high quality education. We offer a homework center for students in grades three through five. All groups meet three times a week for two hours each session. During each of these sessions, certified teachers focus on content areas and assist with homework and assignments. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) data is used to progress monitor individual student growth in these groups.

A student concerns team (CORE) addresses individual student needs. MAP reports, AIMSweb reports, and PASS (Palmetto Assessment of State Standards) data are utilized to identify students that need assistance to reach their maximum potential. Interventions are incorporated into student schedules and progress monitored to ensure that the interventions are yielding desired results. All students read a minimum of twenty-five books, on their reading level, each year.

All students use agendas for daily homework assignments and home/school communication. Teachers conduct required first and third nine weeks conferences with parents of each student in their homeroom. Home-school folders go home each Wednesday and our school newsletter goes home every other week. This newsletter details relevant information and upcoming events. We use *Parent Link* for important communication as well as our school website.

All students have opportunities to receive awards. They earn ribbons for MAP gains and recognition at nine weeks awards ceremonies in grades three through five (perfect attendance, principal's list, honor roll, most improved, and good citizenship awards). A monthly Terrific Kids program recognizes a good citizen from each class. We are a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) school. Monthly celebrations encourage students to meet their PBIS behavior goals. We utilize these systems to create a structured, pleasant, and productive learning environment for all students.

All grade levels meet with our school based instructional support staff and administrators weekly. Teachers and support staff discuss effective instructional practices, design common assessments, and create instructional calendars.

At Oakland Elementary School we are very proud of our students and their success. Working together, our goals for excellence are achievable!

Jennifer M. Swearingen, Principal Sherry Royster, SIC Chairperson

Oakland Elementary School invites you to be a part of our School Improvement Team!

Please fill out this form if you wish to attend our meetings. These meetings are typically held an hour before our PTA meetings. Return this portion to the school office.

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Phone		 	
Child's	Name		

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