

SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

James Simons Montessori School (JSMS) is a Title I school located in downtown Charleston in our beautiful state-of-the-art school. For the past four years James Simons has been a full Montessori school with no traditional classes. We have six primary classes, five lower elementary classes, five upper elementary classes and two middle school classes (7th and 8th grades). It is easy to see that our highly qualified staff is passionate about serving children when you experience our positive nurturing school environment. Initiatives in place for continued improvement include 21st Century technology enhancements, a new mathematics curriculum, and a rigorous Montessori curriculum designed to meet children at their learning levels and accelerate achievement.

In addition to ensuring our students grow academically, socially and emotionally, our staff is continuously growing professionally as they learn more about the teachings, instructional best practices and philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori. Our staff's journey to develop personally and professionally is rewarding and enlightening.

Various events held this year for our school community include the Wellness Fair, Parent Education Nights, and several Parent Literacy events. Additionally, our staff and students benefited greatly from the many programs sponsored by our community partners such as Rotary Reads, Backpack Buddies, and Kids Well Clinic. We greatly appreciate the support of our PTO, School Improvement Council (SIC), Rotary of Charleston, Communities in Schools, Charleston Promise Neighborhood, Friends of James Simons (FOJS) and The Citadel. We look forward to our continued collaboration and success.

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Fall to Fall 2019-2020 Reading MAP Results: Median Percentiles

	Fall '19	Fall '20		Fall '19	Fall '20
2	43	59	6	25	25
3	47	33	7	20	20
4	30	39	8	15	20
5	39	41			

Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) creates a personalized assessment experience by adapting to each student's learning level—precisely measuring student progress and growth for each individual. You'll have essential information about what each student knows and is ready to learn within 24 hours. In spite of the unprecedented school shut down in the spring, only one grade level experienced a decline in median percentiles from Fall of 2019 to Fall of 2020. Growing students' literacy skills is an on-going focus.

