

SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

James Simons Elementary School (JSES) is a Title I school located in downtown Charleston in our newly constructed state-of-the-art school. James Simons is a Montessori with no traditional classes. We have six primary classes, six lower elementary classes, four upper elementary classes and two 7th and 8th grade middle school classes. 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 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 Multicultural Festival, Parent Education Nights, College and Career Day, and several Parent Literacy events. Additionally, our staff and students benefited greatly from the many programs sponsored by our community partners such as Charleston Reading Partners, Rotary Reads, Rotary Family Member and Student of the Month, Backpack Buddies, and Kids Well Clinic. We greatly appreciate the support of our PTA, School Improvement Council (SIC), The 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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Winter 2016-17 Reading MAP Results

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| 2 | 40 | 187.8 | 187.6 | 186.6 | 183.6 | 183.2 |
| 3 | 46 | 191.6 | 191.1 | 190.5 | 189.2 | 190 |
| 4 | 41 | 196.7 | 193.6 | 192.3 | 192.7 | 192.8 |
| 5 | 40 | 204.3 | 204.9 | 204.6 | 205.5 | 204.9 |

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