

JAMES SIMONS SCHOOL SIC REPORT TO PARENTS

James Simons Elementary School (JSES) is a Title I school located in downtown Charleston. In our newly constructed state-of-the-art Montessori school. We have six primary classes, five lower elementary classes, four upper elementary classes, and Middle School Montessori. 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 Fall Festival, Parent Education Night, Citadel Science Night, Parent Education workshops 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, Charleston Rotary Family Member and Student of the Month, Backpack Buddies, Kaleidoscope After School program, Kids Well Clinic, and more. We greatly appreciate the support of our Parent-Teacher Association PTA, School Improvement Council (SIC), Friends of James Simons, Charleston Promise Neighborhood, and the Citadel. We look forward to our continued collaboration and successful partnerships.

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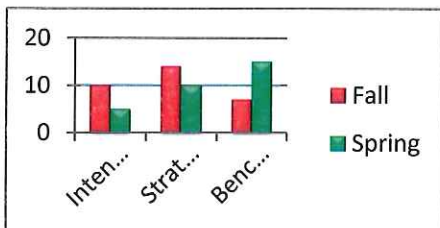
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A Montessori Focus



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To Parents and the Community

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Fall to Winter MAP – PGA Students

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

MAP tests measure our students' general knowledge in reading and mathematics. These tests provide information as to the specific strengths and weaknesses of our students. They also provide us with the instructional level of each child. The information in the chart represents the growth of our first through third grade students (PGA) who received additional support in reading this school year. The chart shows the number of students reading well below grade level significantly decreased and the number of students reading at grade level or better significantly increased from Fall to Spring.

