

Parents:

It is with pleasure that this annual report communicates to you the progress of our students. We are truly blessed to have phenomenal teachers, involved and supportive parents, dedicated volunteers and grandparents, local businesses and the superb dedication of our PTA. You provide us the raw product and our talented, devoted, highly qualified staff delivers a quality instructional program that allows our children to flourish. Your support of our instructional programs and the commitment you make to your child and our school allows Whitesides Elementary School to earn recognition yearly.

Our instructional initiatives continue to support Charleston Achieving Excellence and Vision 2016. We are able to provide teachers more specific instructional feedback about students through diagnostic benchmarks known as AimsWeb, and the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) in grades K-5. Preliminary results indicate our student growth and achievement levels in MAP are outstanding. We continue to support inclusion and the implementation of the Common Core Standards instituted by the Charleston County School District.

Lona Pounder, Principal

English/Lang. Arts PASS Percent Met and Exemplary	
Grade	2012
3	91
4	86
5	90

Math PASS Percent Met and Exemplary	
Grade	2012
3	86
4	85
5	85

Writing PASS Percent Met and Exemplary	
Grade	2012
5	81

Science PASS Percent Met and Exemplary	
Grade	2012
3	80
4	81
5	80

Social Studies PASS Percent Met and Exemplary	
Grade	2012
3	92
4	95
5	89

Grade 3 MAP Reading Average Score

Term	Grade	Overall
Fall 12	3	198
Spring 13	3	208
Gain		10

Grade 4 MAP Reading Average Score

Term	Grade	Overall
Fall 12	4	208
Spring 13	4	211
Gain		3

Grade 5 MAP Reading Average Score

Term	Grade	Overall
Fall 12	5	214
Spring 13	5	217
Gain		3

Grade 3 MAP Math Average Score

Term	Grade	Overall
Fall 12	3	201
Spring 13	3	210
Gain		9

Grade 4 MAP Math Average Score

Term	Grade	Overall
Fall 12	4	209
Spring 13	4	218
Gain		9

Grade 5 MAP Math Average Score

Term	Grade	Overall
Fall 12	5	220
Spring 13	5	229
Gain		9

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Whitesides Mission Statement

The Whitesides family will provide the highest quality of education through a challenging curriculum in a safe, nurturing environment that builds leadership skills, develops an appreciation for diversity and promotes individual creativity. Our goal is to engage students in a program of academic excellence that will prepare them to be independent, responsible citizens in our community.



Reach for The Stars!

Whitesides Elementary School
 2012-2013 Annual Summary Report
 Highlights

Achievement – Excellent – Gold Award
 Growth – Excellent
 Closing Gap Gold Award

Outstanding PTA, parental and volunteer support, and involvement from the business community

Dedicated and exemplary Highly Qualified teaching staff

Six Nationally Board Certified (NBC) teachers, a guidance counselor, and school nurse

Nurturing interactive environment which sponsors events for students and parents

Strong instructional environment with smart boards, computer labs, Spanish, classroom and leveled libraries, and an enriched media collection supplemented by PTA and grants

Extensive student recognition for academic achievement, the arts, and community involvement

Michelle Garner
 School Improvement Council Chair