

STEM to STEAM

This year we begin our work as part of the S2TEM State Science Consortium. STEM refers to science, technology, engineering, and mathematical fields of study. The term is recognized world-wide and describes education policy and curriculum opportunities in schools from kindergarten through college to career. Arts will continue to be infused across the curriculum and will be embedded within our program in the 2015-16 school year.

Students at JIES will:

- Think like engineers, designers, and problem solvers.
- Identify and utilize creativity, inventions, and resources.
- Improve their ability to think critically and abstractly, work cooperatively and comprehend what they read.
- Model ethical and social responsibility and communicate ideas orally.



State of South Carolina 2012

Annual School Report Card

Ratings over 5-year period

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rate
2013	Good	At-Risk
2012	Average	Average
2011	Good	Average
2010	Average	Average
2009	Average	Below average

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AWARDS

Teacher of the Year, Janese Davis

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED

Elizabeth Chirles, Beth Hale, Brooke Maguire,

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1st Place—2nd Annual Darby Trimathlon

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2013-2014

Annual Report to the Parents

James Island Elementary

A Beacon to the Future

successful students
inquire
innovative
creative minds think
cross curriculum
STEM2STEAM
21st Century~Workforce
arts infused
engaged
JAMES ISLAND~ELEMENTARY

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School Renewal Goals for 2014

At James Island Elementary we are proud of the fact that in the category of Met JIES scored higher than "Other Schools Like Ours" in ELA across South Carolina. We attribute this to



our commitment to the Reading Writing Workshop Program. This evidence-based program is implemented by a dedicated staff that constantly monitors and adjusts instruction to fit student needs. It is noted that 73.5 percent of students across all grade levels Met or exceeded state standards in Math. In addition, 72 percent of students Met or exceeded state standards in science, 82 percent Met or exceeded in Social Studies and 78 percent Met or exceeded



It is our expectation that student achievement will continue to grow as children become more adept in the use of the Common Core State Standards .

We are proud of the fact that across all grade levels more students achieved the status of Met exceeding the state performance in Social Studies and Science. Our success can be attributed to the integration and interpretation of non-fiction texts into all areas of the curriculum. James Island Elementary School is fortunate in that



it currently has two outdoor classrooms created in part-

nership with the College of Charleston, the Department of Natural Resources, Grice Lab, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Soil and Water Conservation, the Parks and Recreation Department and a number of parent and com-

SPECIAL PROGRAMS at JIES

Engaging Creative Minds Grant, Primary Grades Academy, Morning News Program, SAIL– Gifted and Talented, PBIS Town Hall Meetings, Kaleidoscope, Fall Festival, Reading Prize Patrol, Living Literature Day, Great Bird Challenge, Early Child Development, Two Child Development Classes, Math/Science Night, Jump Rope for Heart, Tennis Team, Dr. Seuss Week, Birthday Book Club, Children's Book Week, Musicals, Fall Family Reading Night, Career Fair, Strings, 5th Grade Chorus, Local and National Art Competitions, Homework Hotshots, Foster Grandparents, Wellness Committee, Children's Gardens, Young Achievers, Science Fair, Recycling, Mentor Program, After School Tutoring Program, Trebuchet@theCitadel, Charleston Anglers



