

Outdoor Classroom

MISSION: Promote powerful learning experiences in a natural setting

PURPOSE: Environmental and conservation awareness
2.5 acre pond with cantilevered deck and teaching decks with pergola roofing

Protects indigenous plants and animal life

Provides safe harbor for migratory birds and endangered species

Outdoor Classroom Revitalization Workgroup (OCREW) enhances educational programs supporting SC Standards and Common Core Curriculum and expansion of the classroom.

SUPPORTERS:

Jerry Poore -Landscape Designer, Major Donor, Parent, and Recipient of the Jefferson Award for his dedication in the construction of the Outdoor Classroom

Joe Cockrell—US Fish & Wildlife Service

JIES faculty and staff, CCSD, Cof C scientists, professors, and graduate students, SCDNR, SCE&G, LEAP, Ducks Unlimited, Grice Lab, CCPR, Soil and Water Conservation, Audubon Society, PTA, Parents and community members



State of South Carolina 2012

Annual School Report Card

Ratings over 5-year period

Year	Absolute Rating	Growth Rate
2012	Average	Average
2011	Good	Average
2010	Average	Average
2009	Average	Below average
2008	Average	At-Risk

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/AWARDS

Teacher of the Year, Elizabeth Chirles

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED

Elizabeth Chirles, Beth Hale, Brooke

Maguire, Christein Patterson,

Edna Ann Schwertfeger

NCDA State Career Contest Award
Winners: Lotus Selby

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2012-2013

Annual Report to the Parents

James Island Elementary

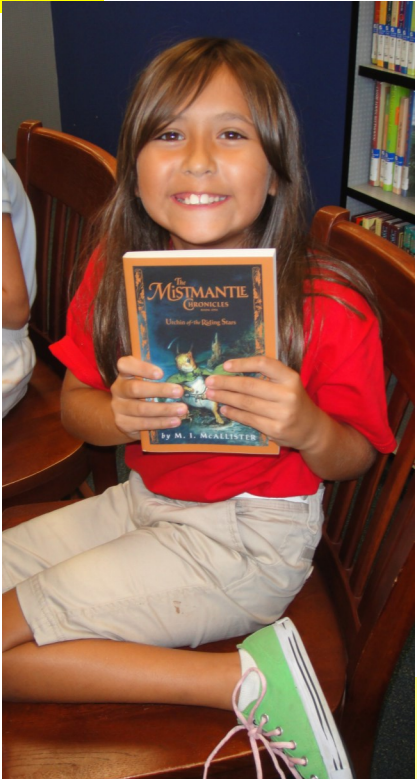
A Beacon to the Future



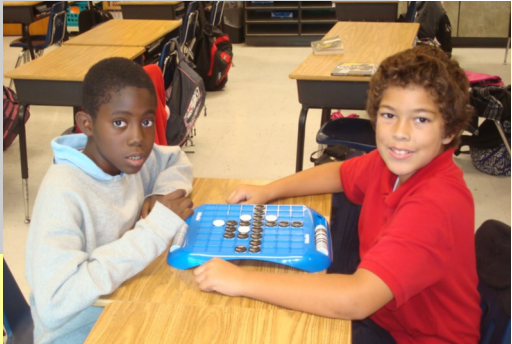
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School Renewal Goals for 2013

At James Island Elementary we are proud of the fact that the number of students meeting state standards in English Language Arts is greater than "Other Schools like Ours" across South Carolina. We attribute this to our commitment to the Project Read Program.



It is our expectation that student achievement will continue to grow as children become more adept in the use of the new math program. We are proud of the fact that across all grade levels more students achieved Met or Exemplary rating, exceeding the district and state performance in Social Studies. Our success can be attributed to evaluating non-fiction text and applying Project Read strategies across the curriculum. James Island Elementary



School is fortunate in that it currently has two outdoor classrooms created in partnership with the College of Charleston, the Department of Natural Resources, Grice Lab, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Soil and Water Conservation,

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, African American Read-In, 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, Walk to School Day, Science Fair, Recycling, Mentor Program, After School Tutoring Program, Multi-Cultural Museum

