

Academic Programs, Accomplishments and Highlights

DIBELS –Progress Monitoring

Balanced Literacy Training

Success Maker Computer Lab

Waterford Early Reading

Book Talks

Reading Mastery– 5K-2nd

Connecting Math Concepts– 5K

MAP-Primary Testing-Kindergarten & 1st

MAP Testing– 2nd Grade

Class field trips

Comprehension Tool Kit and training for teachers

Interactive Read Aloud training for teachers

Dominie Testing

Read Well Intervention for struggling students

Family Math and Reading Night

6 + 1 Writing Traits

Family Field Day

Fancy Nancy Night for Moms and Daughters

All-Star Sports Night for Dads and Sons



A Note From Your Principal

We strive to meet the individual needs of all our children. Our teachers are loving and professional. Through staff development and graduate courses, they continue to improve instruction. Being the principal of Lamar Elementary School is an honor for which I am proud. Through your cooperation and help, we will successfully educate your child. Please remember that my door is always open and you are always welcome at Lamar Elementary School.

Garry R. Flowers
Principal



Lamar Elementary School Report to the Parents 2011-2012

This report was prepared to inform parents of the progress that has been made at LES.

Excellent School Report Card Rating

Met Adequate Yearly Progress

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Our School Mission: "Excellence in Teaching and Learning for All"



Lamar Elementary serves approximately 300 PreK-2nd grade students. The School Improvement Council assisted with preparing this report using data collected for the 2011-12 school year. This year has been a very good year with many challenges and accomplishments.

Our School Vision:

The Lamar community will gain citizens who have received a quality education and are honest, respectful, and cooperative.

The Lamar Elementary School families can expect their children to succeed socially and academically through communication and cooperation between school and home.

The Lamar Elementary School students will become life-long learners and productive citizens in a safe, instructionally sound environment, which allows for individual growth and development.

The Lamar Elementary School staff will work in an environment that is positive, enjoyable, and focuses on practices that best meet the needs of our children.

Challenges: With all of the budget cuts we have been faced with, our challenge is to continue to make progress in reading and math. We also need to have more parent involvement at the home and school level.

90% of 5K-2nd grade students met the DCSD Exit Standards for their grade at the end of 2011.



Four goals were developed to bring this school to the highest level of success. Our goals were developed in accordance with the South Carolina State Department of Education requirements of the Education Accountability Act of

Goal 1: Eighty seven percent of first and eighty six percent of second grade students will score on grade level, based on the Darlington County School District's reading assessment.

Supporting Activities: Guided reading professional development, standards-based instruction, teacher use of DIBELS and the Dominie Reading Assessment, full implementation of the Reading Mastery program, monthly planning for teachers to assess data, Explicit Direct Instruction training for teachers, etc.

Goal 2: Eighty percent of second grade students will meet standard in math based on the MAP spring assessment.

Supporting Activities: Standards-based instruction, Mastering Math Facts, Connecting Math instruction in 5K, use of manipulatives in the classrooms, administering PASS-like assessments, and Math Solutions training for teachers

Goal 3: Increase collaboration between school, parents, and community as measured by parent and community involvement records.

Supporting Activities: Family Reading and Math Night, Parent-Teacher conferences, Career Day, Family Fun Day, Principal's Chat, All-Star Sports Night, Fancy Nancy Night

Goal 4: Increase the use of technology to improve student academic achievement.

Supporting Activities: Student access to computers, teacher use of computers in planning and creating student materials, Success Maker lab used

by first and second grade students, teacher use of Power Teacher, MAP Testing and Practice Skills Assessments, Premethean boards in classrooms, student use of Accelerated Reader, and Waterford computer programs

Dominie Reading Assessment showed 70% of first graders and 88% of second graders were on grade level at the end of 2011.

MAP Math Assessment showed 67% of first graders and 80% of second graders scored MET at the end of 2011.

MAP Reading Assessment showed 80% of first graders and 76% of second graders scored MET at the end of 2011.

School Improvement Council

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Principal

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