



Johnston Elementary

Report to the Parents

April 30, 2022

All About Us

Our Motto:
At JES we LEAD by
Learning to
Engage
Achieve and
Discover



Johnston Elementary School strives to build leaders one student at a time. We have a school population of 269 and our faculty and staff come to school everyday with intention and purpose to meet our learners where they are. We have had much success this year in many areas, and we are proud of our accomplishments. Our learners, as all students were, greatly affected by Covid. We are so thankful to have them back in our building where we have seen substantial growth in all of them.

PROFILE OF THE South Carolina Graduate

WORLD-CLASS KNOWLEDGE		WORLD-CLASS SKILLS
Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness		Creativity and innovation Critical thinking and problem solving
Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences		Collaboration and teamwork Communication, information, media and technology Knowing how to learn
LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS		
Integrity • Self-direction • Global perspective • Perseverance • Work ethic • Interpersonal skills		

Adopted by SC Arts in Basic Curriculum Steering Committee, SCASCD, SC Chamber of Commerce, SC Council on Competitiveness, SC Education Oversight Committee, SC State Board of Education, SC State Department of Education, TransformSC Schools and Districts.

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All of our classrooms offer a Balanced Literacy approach. This means that all students engage in small group reading instruction as well as shared reading, writing, independent reading, read-alouds, and literacy stations. We incorporate all of our systems together to support the Profile of the SC Graduate.

Johnston Elementary is a collaborative atmosphere of learning for students as well as teachers. We pride ourselves in believing that all people have value and can contribute to something bigger than themselves. We live by the idea that what we do matters, not just to us, but to all of us.

JES Mission and Vision

JES is a community of empowered leaders, We cooperate and care of one another. We promise to live the 7 Habits, value all stakeholders, and celebrate all successes.

Highlights and Celebrations at JES Inquiry Practices

- Student-Generated Questions
- Students Constructing Knowledge
- Student to Student Collaboration
- Student Reflection
- Student-Led Academic Conversations

Highlights and Celebrations

Leader in Me

Goal-Setting by Students and Faculty
 Monthly Town Hall Celebrations
 Student Leadership Notebooks
 Student-Led Data Chats
 Student-Led Data Tracking
 Wiggy Wednesday
 School Goal for Math Fluency
 Leadership Roles
 Action Teams
 Leadership Parade

Highlight and Celebrations

Professional Learning Communities

Embedded professional development for faculty in Reading and Math best practices

Teacher Clarity Playbook by Fisher and Frey
 Deconstructing Standards

Inquiry Illuminated by Goudvis, Harvey, and Buhrow

Cross Grade-Level Data PLCs

Inquiry Best Practices

Comprehension Toolkit by Harvey and Goudvis

Highlights and Celebrations

Read 180 Class

This is the first year we have offered this class. It targets students in grades 3,4, and 5. The class is organized into 3 stations which include small group guided reading with the teacher, a blended learning technology component, and an independent

reading station. We have seen phenomenal growth with our students. They are assessed three times a year, and we are seeing great gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and reading fluency. There is a phonics component that accompanies

the core curriculum as well. All of our students who have attended have been amazed at their personal growth and progress. The class also involves goal setting and tracking data which follows right along with our school data systems already in place!

Highlights and Celebrations

Technology Progress

- Lexia —Blended Learning Opportunity for all grade levels in the area of Reading.
Substantial student growth identified by Lexia data
- MAP Assessments
Unprecedented growth in Reading and Math
More students have met their projected growth goal in both Math and Reading
- 1:1 Pupil to Device Ratio
Google Classroom, Flipped Learning
- Mobile Mind Online Technology Professional Development Platform for Teachers

Community Support

Area Churches:

Monthly Birthday Parties

Faculty/Staff Treats and Recognition

Addressing Student Needs

Golden Harvest Food Bank—Weekend Food Backpacks

Generac-Provided Water Bottles for All Students

Jo-Nathan Foundation—STEAM Camp

Community Members

Project Christmas Angel

A Look Ahead

Leader in Me Next Steps—
Empowering Instruction

Student Led Parent Conferences

Establishing a School-Wide
Reading Goal

School-Wide Continuation of Inquiry Practices

Student Lighthouse Team

Working Towards Lighthouse Status

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Principál—Tammy Martín

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SIC—Stephanie Whatley

