

DELMAE HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Annual Report to Parents

2020

We are a K-5 school located in a rapidly growing area of Florence. In addition to standards-based instruction in language arts, math, science, and social studies, we offer art, music, and physical education. Students also receive instruction in our Spanish, Science and Math labs. Students visit our Learning Commons regularly and Reading Renaissance is a part of our language arts program.

Additional literacy support is provided through the use of computer programs to include AR, Lexia, Freckles, Seesaw and Google Classroom assignments. Our Reading Coach and Reading Interventionist also provide support and resources to students, staff and parents. Math instruction also includes teacher directed instruction utilizing the Big Ideas math program and computer- based programs to include Reflex Math, Dreambox, Freckles, Seesaw and Google Classroom.

Additional support personnel include two Assistant Principals, a Curriculum Technology Coach, School Counselor, School-Based Therapist, speech clinician, occupational therapist, ELL teachers, resource teachers, two instructional interventionists and classroom instructional assistants.

Our teachers work collaboratively to plan for instruction. The instructional program includes differentiated instruction, the use of technology and research-based supplemental programs. The needs of students needing reinforcement and enrichment are addressed through small group instruction to include flexible grouping, Tier instruction and the use of Literacy and Math Stations.

Delmae became AdvancED STEM certified in 2017. We also continue our school-wide STEAM focus. This is evident in our Science Lab, Robotics Team, 4H, art and chorus clubs and classroom focus on the engineering process.

Our Spanish Language Immersion Program is in its fifth year. Students in grades K-4 receive daily ELA instruction in English and are immersed in the Spanish Language in math, science and social studies instruction.

Delmae is a family-friendly school with scheduled activities for students and their families. We have lots of participation from various community groups who support our school by providing funds, special programs, and mentors for our students. We have been a member of NNPS (National Network of Partnership Schools) since 2000 and have been the recipient of the NNPS School Award on five different occasions including this year.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to have visitors or any non-essential workers in the building. In addition we have implemented additional procedures to insure the safety of both students and staff.

"We Got This" is our motto as we work to help all of our students develop the world class knowledge, skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate while facing these newest challenges. We are accomplishing this by providing the following

- Highly qualified teachers and staff
- Instruction focused on standards and driven by data
- Differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all students
- Opportunities to incorporate technology into daily instruction
- Professional Development focused on rigor and data
- School Home and Community Partnerships that enhance student achievement
- Instructional programs that extend beyond basic basal instruction
- Opportunities to participate in both STEM and STEAM focused learning opportunities

Our **highly qualified staff** consists of National Board Certified Teachers, District Honor Roll Teachers, teachers with advanced degrees and teachers involved in continuous learning and growth opportunities. Our staff engages in on-going professional development provided by "in house experts" and outside consultants that focuses on rigor in the classroom, project and problem- based learning, high expectations for students and the use of data to change and focus instruction.

Excellence is our goal at Delmae!