

Home of the Baby Gators



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“Where Excellence is the Norm and Not the Exception”

The mission of Estill Elementary School is to create an environment that gives all children the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential in order to become productive and responsible citizens. In grades kindergarten through fifth, our teachers use the results of the Dominie Assessment as well as Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) to make instructional decisions to help our students reach their highest potential and ensure their ultimate success. In preparation for our state assessment test, PASS, we have implemented sixty minutes for ELA (English Language Arts) RIT Bands pullout that begin at 7:40 each morning ; in addition to the 60 minutes ELA pullout, students in grade 3-5 are given the opportunity to increase math skills by participating in Double Dose Math for an additional two hours and forty-five minutes per week. Together as a family of educators, we have all been working extremely hard to get our students ready for the PASS.

We have been celebrating the accomplishments of our students and encouraging excellence throughout the year. We are continually promoting literacy through our monthly literacy nights. Some of the Literacy Nights activities include: “Firehouse Smoke House” in September, Ronald McDonald in January and Gullah activities and stories in February. Just recently in the month of March during the school day, we celebrated Dr. Seuss by highlighting his book, The Cat in the Hat. Other literacy activities included our local businesses, community leaders and others who come and read to our students throughout the year. Within the classroom, we have implemented literacy book bags to allow students to become actively engaged in books on their reading level. We would like to congratulate Ms. Young, our district’s Parent Volunteer Coordinator and Parent University host, for a job well done. We strongly encourage you to continue to build upon your child’s reading foundation by reading to and with him/her daily.

In effort to encourage and celebrate diversity here at Estill Elementary, our winter celebration was entitled “A Musical Celebration” which highlighted music, songs and costumes of different cultures. The population of Estill Elementary was well represented.

We are providing three different developmentally appropriate and effective afterschool programs. These programs include: K2 Enhancement for our lower grades (K-2) and REACH (Reaching Excellence in Academic Achievement) for our upper grades (3-5), and SCE&G Homework Center for grades (2-5).

EES continues to emphasize character development to ensure that we are educating all children as a whole and as unique individuals. Estill Elementary is proud to announce that we have implemented two grade bands (PreK-2 and 3-5) appropriate PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) G.A.T.O.R. stores. Students are allowed to shop using their G.A.T.O.R. bucks which they have earned by displaying positive behavior throughout the year. In celebration of our students’ academic and behavior

accomplishments, they were rewarded with pizza, ice cream and movie night. We are proud to announce that over ninety percent of our students made gains on their MAP tests.

Our students also participated in service learning projects:

- “Souper Bowl for Caring” provided can goods to a local food bank.
- Snatch ‘n Shoot provided toiletry items to our local nursing home

Our PTA, as well as community members and businesses, provides unlimited support for EES by donating funds, supplies and their time. Currently, our PTA is working on the annual Spring Fling to be held at the district auditorium on April 15, 2011 from 6-8pm. The PTA along with our Parent Literacy Committee is also working on a dynamic Night of the Oscars. Thanks to each of you for the success of both events on last year.

Our teachers and students have worked extremely hard this year to ensure that we have established a learning environment that will promote and accelerate our students to become lifelong learners. We would like to thank our parents for giving us your support and entrusting your children in our care. We would also like to thank the community, local businesses and volunteers for its support, collaborative commitment and dedication to our students’ success. Thanks again for your support.

We are proud to be a part of your child’s educational process!

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