

Noteworthy Academic Accomplishments

State Ratings

2012	2013	2014
EXCELLENT	EXCELLENT	EXCELLENT



Palmetto Gold School

2014-2015
2013-2014
2012-2013

Mission Statement

The mission of Westwood Elementary school is that all stakeholders (educators, parents, and community members) recognize that education is the best hope for the future. Thus, we are striving for excellence to promote student achievement.

WESTWOOD Elementary School

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2015-2016 Improvement Efforts

Differentiate Instruction to Meet Individual Student Needs:

1. Teachers incorporated small group time into lesson plans for all subjects. During this time, the teacher could conference with a few students to evaluate and reteach as necessary.
2. Each teacher was given several Chromebooks to create a technology station in the classroom and differentiate learning.
3. Provided a Science Lab equipped with materials and resources for students to engage in hands-on learning. This room and supplies could be used by all teachers in all subjects to enhance learning.
4. Provided a mobile cart of Chromebooks to enrich classroom learning. Students used the technology to research new topics and practice critical skills.
5. GATE enrichment classes were offered during related arts time for each grade level, serving approximately 75 students.
6. Provided remediation and intervention for our students through our related arts teachers. Creative scheduling allowed each of these teachers two hours each morning to "push-in" to classrooms and work with our students in the areas of math and reading.

Track Student Growth:

7. Used MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) three times during the year to gauge academic growth and to project where students will perform on the SCReady test.
8. Utilized a DATA Wall and Data Conferences to track students' progress based on MAP, Star Reader, and other data sources.
9. Emphasized Reading through our Accelerated Reader Program. Students received individual reading goals and were rewarded with incentives for meeting those goals.

Increase Parent Communication:

10. Provided student access to online resources directly related to state standards. This allows students extended teaching and practice at home as well as school.
11. Increased Parent Involvement through several new initiatives. A Parent Council was created and meetings held during the year. We had a great response to our Pastries for Parents Breakfast in February.
12. Held Student of the Month recognition ceremonies for students and parents.



Programs at Westwood

- Gifted and Talented Program
- PBIS Good Behavior Celebrations
- Awards Day
- Accelerated Reader
- MAP Reward Celebrations
- Student of the Month
- Meet the Teacher Night
- Farm-City Day
- Veterans Day Program
- Holiday Musical Drama
- National Junior Beta Club
- Pennies for Patients
- Relay for Life
- Book Fair
- Character Education
- Westwood Pageant
- School-wide Writing Activities
- Living Wax Museum
- Angel Tree Fundraiser
- PTO
- FCA
- Good News Club
- Afterschool Program
- Arbor Day

