

## State Assessments

We are so pleased to report that our WWES students exceeded the state performance in all grade levels on the 2017 SC READY ELA, SC READY Math, PASS Science, and PASS Social Studies Tests! Our students and teachers validated the belief that "hard work pays off!"



*We are a Title 1 School.*

### **Mission Statement**

*WWES works with families and community members to provide a safe, creative, and engaging environment that promotes individual achievement, positive relationships, and responsible citizenship through a cooperative effort between school and home.*

## WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## 2017-2018 Improvement Efforts

### Increase Reading and Writing Development among students:

1. Teachers incorporated small group time into lesson plans for reading and writing conferences. During this time, the teacher could conference with students to assess and meet individual needs.
2. Teachers attended various workshops hosted by the State Department of Education to learn and study effective reading and writing strategies.
3. Purchased mobile cart of Chromebooks to enrich classroom learning. Students used the technology to research new topics, practice critical skills, and engage in our Accelerated Reader program.
4. Westwood Elementary participated in a professional development hosted by the State Department on classroom libraries and reading practices. From this PD, our school received generous funding that allowed teachers to build their classroom libraries with books of interest for students. Students are eager and excited about reading!

### Track Student Growth:

5. Used MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) three times during the year to gauge academic growth and to project how students will perform on the SCReady test.
6. Utilized a DATA Wall and Data Conferences to track students' progress based on MAP, Star Reader, Benchmark tests, and other data sources.

### Increase Parent and Community Involvement:

7. Provided student access to online resources directly related to state standards. This allows students extended teaching and practice at home as well as school.
8. Increased Parent Involvement through school events. Westwood hosted a parent breakfast for each grade level where we had over 300 parent guests attend this event. A color run was held with parent and community volunteers assisting to make this a successful and fun event for students.
9. Held Student of the Month recognition ceremonies for students and parents.
10. Community members participated in our first ever "One School, One Book" program that encouraged family reading time. Each student and teacher in our school received a copy of The One and Only Ivan.



### **Programs at Westwood**

#### Academic:

- EXCEL Time for Enrichment Activities
- Interventions for Reading
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Accelerated Reader
- MAP Reward Celebrations
- Awards Day
- Educational Field Trip for each Grade

#### Social / Character:

- PBIS Good Behavior Recognition
- Student of the Month
- National Junior Beta Club
- Character Education Program
- Color Run Opportunity

#### Community Engagement:

- Meet the Teacher Night
- Musical Programs by all Grades
- Book Fair
- Parent Breakfast
- Honors Chorus Performances at Community Events
- Relay for Life
- Angel Tree Fundraiser
- PTO
- FCA
- Good News Club
- Arbor Day Program with Lions Club



