



**La France Elementary School**  
***“Engaging Learners through Creativity and Innovation”***

**Post Office Box 487**

**La France, SC 29656**

**Phone: 864-403-2300**

**Fax: 864-646-8011**

**SIC Report to the People**

**2012-13**

**SIC President: Leigh Hines**

- Continuing our ROAR program - Our academic assistance reading and math program for grades 5K-6 during school hours.
- Reading and Enrichment Time - In order to increase uninterrupted class time, all students, including those needing special services, receive enrichment during a 50 minute block of time each day. These blocks of time are staggered among grade levels.
- DRA and Primary MAP testing to 5K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students – This data helps us assess and assist our primary students through remediation and enrichment of their reading instruction. Second through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students take MAP tests along with other assessments which gives our teachers an indication of where these students need assistance.
- *Read Across America and Walk to School Day* – LES students incorporate physical activity and reading throughout the school day.
- SC Dogs therapy “Bark” program – Students participate in animal assisted activities that are goal directed, therapeutic interventions to help meet their special needs.
- “We Are Family” Mentor Program - Special time is set aside for students to participate in a service learning activity. One example is our tissue box activity in which students decorate tissue boxes at Thanksgiving and then deliver them to local nursing homes.
- STAR Reader- An online testing program that identifies reading growth for students in grades 2-6.
- 6+1 Traits Writing Celebrations – Students are encouraged and celebrated for exemplary writing each month with a cookies and milk snack and small writing gifts.
- The Accelerated Reader Program and Celebrations - Each grade level has a point goal to meet by the end of every 9 week period. If they reach their goals, they are able to participate in an AR celebration.

- GoalPost – In collaboration with Clemson University, extra assistance is provided to students based on academic need in grades 3-6.
- Tutoring Program- LES collaborates with local universities to obtain student tutors for our students. While the college students receive credit for their classes, our students receive extra weekly support.
- Mentoring Program – Students receive special attention from mentors from various walks of life depending on their needs. For example, our Good News Club leaders have mentored several of our students based on teacher requests.
- MAGI Christmas Assistance – Families receive meals and gifts donated by area churches and distributed through our school.
- PACK Program – Students receive school materials to start the school year.
- Backpack Program- In collaboration with United Way, we send home “kid-friendly” meals each weekend in backpacks for students in need.
- Character Education Program - Each month a different character trait is introduced and toward the end of the month, each teacher selects one winner. The winner is recognized during awards day. Students are recognized with special field trips and activities each 9 weeks.
- Olweus Bully - Prevention Program – This is a comprehensive, school-wide approach that addresses bullying and creates a safer, more positive place to learn. Olweus focuses on improving relationships among our students rather than just those who have been bullied or have bullied others. Our program is highlighted with morning meetings in the classrooms to discuss and address issues related to bully-prevention. The program also focuses on four key anti-bullying rules which are posted throughout the school. In cooperation with The Warehouse Theatre from Greenville, SC worked with our students by providing an opportunity for students to use elements of drama and apply those to real life issues that they face.
- Archery in PE - Students continue to perfect their skills with the bow and arrow. With the leadership of Coach Terry, Mr. Long, and Mr. Brock, the La France Archery team has earned state recognition and will be competing in the national competition in May.
- A Night at the Museum – Art was celebrated at LES during this traveling art show exhibit. Our students and their parents enjoyed a night of fun as they learned more about famous artists while being entertained by our own chorus.
- SC Elementary Honors Choir since 2005 – Miss Guest accompanied Chloe Standridge and Lilli VanDyke as they represented our school in this year’s performance in Charleston, SC.
- Art Recognition from Mrs. Hollingsworth –
  - Ana Durham, Trey Young, Courtney Rizk, and Seth Whitfield were selected winners in the poster contest for the solicitor of Anderson County. Their artwork was included in a special calendar to recognize them along with other students across three counties.
  - Art and Grade 3 Social Studies integration project will be on display at the State House for the year.

- LES students are ranked in the top 10 in the state on Artsonia, our online art gallery.
- Engaging Learners through Creativity and Innovation with a Focus on the Arts – Our teachers continue learning with professional development provided through the Kennedy Center workshops to gain more knowledge and obtain strategies on how to integrate the arts into our curriculum. Specifically, we have learned how the use of movement, drama, art, and music will enhance lessons causing our students to retain what they learn through the 4C's Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity.
- Common Core Standards Implementation and Professional Development – Our K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes have implemented the National Common Core standards in ELA and Math this year. All teachers have received professional development in ELA and Math and will continue to learn more about these rigorous standards to best meet the needs of our students. All teachers, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade, will be teaching CCSS next year.

Schoolwide PASS data from the 2011-12 school year:

- 85.9% meeting or exceeding standard for ELA
- 76.7% meeting or exceeding standard for Math
- 71.2% meeting or exceeding standard for Science
- 85.4% meeting or exceeding standard for Social Studies
- 84.6% meeting or exceeding standard for Writing (*5<sup>th</sup> grade only tested*)