

# 2023-2024 O.P. Earle Elementary

*“Our mission is to inspire and educate young minds.”*

## Annual Report to the Parents

### Accomplishments

- In March 2024 we were recertified for another three years as an Arts in the Basic Curriculum school through the SC Arts Commission.
- In 22-23, Fire Pit Ranch began sponsoring with community volunteers, The Next Level Leadership Club for selected 5th-grade boys.
- In 2019 we began implementing a positive behavior intervention system through a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS).
- Amber Eaves, the media specialist, was OPE’s 2023 Teacher of the Year.
- Amanda Thomas was OPE’s 2022-2023 Exemplary Reading Teacher of the Year.
- The following artists in residence have partnered with OPE- Porkchop Productions, David Novak (Theatre), Gracie and Lacy Swing (Dance), Cecilia Ho (Felting Fiber Art), Caroline Hoadley (Jazz Dance), Cynthia O (Writing), Muse Machine (Bright Star Theatre- Velveteen Rabbit), African Drums (Orisirisi)
- OPE is recognized as a Kennedy Center Creative Ticket school.
- OPE is recognized as a Project Fit America school.
- After-school programming is offered on-site through the YMCA.
- 3rd-5th Grade attended district musical (Matilda)
- The honors chorus is offered as an extracurricular activity before school- they perform as needed and this year sang the Star Spangled Banner at a Swamp Rabbits Hockey game
- Several teachers have received “Donors Choose” grants to enhance instruction in their classrooms, totaling nearly \$1,000.00.
- Dance teacher, Kelliane Floyd, was the 2020 recipient of the Ray Doughty Arts Integration Award.
- Funds, annually, from the Laurel Lake Music Foundation help to support OPE’s music program.
- Students are recognized through the Terrific Kids Program sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Spartanburg.
- Fine Arts Night had its 2nd Annual art show and concert
- During the 2021-2022 school year, OPE partnered with Cliffs Residence Outreach to provide funding for many academic projects. Since 2020 OPE has received close to \$50,000 from CRO.



## Major Priorities

OPE teachers and administrators will:

- Practice, implement, and reflect on strategies to ensure the academic success of each child.
- 100% of our teachers become Read to Succeed endorsed
- Continue the implementation of MTSS, which is a multi-tiered system of support for academic and behavioral concerns. At O.P. Earle cardinals are responsible, respectful, and safe.
- Implement school-wide infusion of the arts throughout all content areas, funded by ABC.
- Continue to focus on instructional best practices as we implement the Priority Learning Standards
- Use data from informal and formal assessments to inform quality instruction.
- Provide differentiated exemplary staff development opportunities through Momentum Mondays and Grade Level Meetings.
- Students in 3rd-5th grade will become proficient in multiplication and division facts.
- Handwriting will be taught beginning in 3rd grade
- Continue to implement math incentives using Reflex Math for 1st-5th grade students.
- Encourage parents and community members to volunteer through participation in the PTO.
- Work closely with the School Improvement Council to improve all areas within the school
- Continue to differentiate instruction through Readers, Writers, and Math Workshops.
- Utilize 1:1 technology to enhance students' learning experiences.

