



**2014-2015 O.P. Earle Elementary**  
*"Our mission is to inspire and educate young minds."*

## **Report to the Parents**

### **Accomplishments**

- 2012 South Carolina Exemplary Reading School of the Year
- 2011 South Carolina Exemplary Reading Honor School
- Palmetto Gold recipient in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013, 2014
- Closing the Gap Silver Award winner 2013
- Closing the Gap Gold Award winner in 2012
- School-wide implementation of the OLWEUS Anti-Bullying program in 2014
- Susan Henderson OPE 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year
- Angie Hatchette 2014-2015 OPE Reading Teacher of the Year
- Laura Dickson a 2012-2013 SCAPES (South Carolina Association of Physical Education and Sport) Teacher of the Year.
- PE teacher, Laura Dickson, was selected to present at the 2014-2015 SCAPES conference
- Outstanding Artists in Residence – Sweet Grass Baskets, African Drums, Ballet of Spartanburg, Muse Machine, Kinetic Works
- Art program recognized as a Kennedy Center Creative Ticket school
- Website received the Reward for Excellence from the South Carolina Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association in 2011 and 2012
- Recipient of a \$20,000 Mary F. Kessler fund grant through the Polk County Community Foundation, which supports the school's academic arts education program.
- Project Fit America School
- Recipient of a 21st Century grant for 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that established an after-school program sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club
- Continued extra-curricular activities that include Foothills Running Club, Piano Performers, Honors Chorus, Click Club, Studio Art and Good News Club
- Several teachers received Donor's Choose grants to enhance instruction in their classrooms
- Joanna Vaughn, K4 teacher awarded a 2014-2015 \$138 Soil and Water Conservation grant
- Teachers presented workshops at local and state level conferences
- Funds from the Laurel Lake Music Foundation supports the music program
- Terrific Kids Program sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Spartanburg
- Awarded First-Tee Program grant for 2014-2015
- Allyson Allen was chosen as a lead arts teacher by the SCMEA (South Carolina Music Educators Association) for a 2014 professional development training workshop through the ABC Project (Arts in Basic Curriculum Project)
- Katy Hardee, Excel teacher, was selected to present at the 2015 South Carolina International Reading Association Conference.



## Major Priorities

OPE teachers and administrators will:

- practice, implement and reflect on strategies to ensure the academic success of each child
- continue implementation of OLWEUS Anti-bullying program
- continue implementation of the Polk County Community Foundation grant for Kessler Cultural Evenings
- continue school-wide infusion of the arts throughout all content areas
- continue to focus on instructional best practices
- use data from informal and formal assessments to inform instruction
- continue to seek community organizations to display children's art work
- develop community outreach programs through various clubs on campus
- provide differentiated exemplary staff development opportunities through Momentum Mondays, Grade Level meetings and Furman Consortium
- implement a motivating reading incentive program that will encourage all students to increase their volume of reading and text complexity
- continue to implement math incentives for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students memorizing multiplication tables and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students memorizing addition facts
- community and PTO involvement
- work closely with School Improvement Council
- continue to differentiate instruction through Readers and Writers workshop as a Title 1 Federal Focus school
- implement the integration of technology in all grade levels and classrooms

