



2015-2016 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, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Closing the Gap Silver Award winner 2013
- Closing the Gap Gold Award winner in 2012
- Brittany Harrelson, Alyson Brown, Katy Hardee, and Kelsey Gibson were 2015-2016 recipients of a \$20,000 Mary F. Kessler fund grant through the Polk County Community Foundation, “LAYING A FOUNDATION: DEFINING ARTS INTEGRATION.” This will be a grant shared with Landrum Middle School. The artists will focus on Arts Integration and/or STEAM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Design, and Math
- School-wide implementation of the OLWEUS Anti-Bullying program in 2014
- Sandy Price OPE 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year
- Angie Hatchette 2014-2016 OPE Reading Teacher of the Year
- Alyson Brown and Paula Jeter received funding from Junior League to enhance instruction totally \$1600
- 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 serve on the State Panel for the Review and Revision of the South Carolina Academic Standards for Health Education
- 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
- 2014-2015 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
- Teachers, Amanda Thomas and Catherine Claycamp, were chosen to participate in the 2016 Spartanburg Writing Project
- Recipient of a 21st Century grant for 1st- 5th grade students that established an after-school program sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club
- Extra-curricular activities that include Foothills Running Club, Piano Performers, Honors Chorus, Studio Art and Good News Club
- Several teachers received Donor’s Choose grants to enhance instruction in their classrooms totally over \$2000.00
- 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, 5th grade Math/Science 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 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
- integrate S.T.E.A.M lessons school wide
- 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 3rd grade students memorizing multiplication tables and 1st grade students memorizing addition facts
- encourage parent and community volunteers through the PTO
- work closely with School Improvement Council
- continue to differentiate instruction through Readers and Writers workshop as a Title 1 Federal Focus school
- integrate technology in all grade levels and every student in grades 3rd-5th will receive a Chromebook

