



Cowpens Elementary School

"CHILDREN ENJOYING SUCCESS"

2010-2011

School Renewal Report



Principal's Message

Children at Cowpens Elementary School were "Growing to Greatness" in 2010-2011. Students experienced many opportunities for growth by excelling in the classroom, developing relationships with friends and teachers, and becoming good citizens. We are proud of our Good Improvement Rating, which is determined by student growth on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards test, and that we once again met Adequate Yearly Progress. In addition, we

received the Palmetto Silver Award in recognition of significant gains in student achievement. We are focused on providing an educational experience that offers quality individualized learning opportunities for every child.

Students received honors for the Governor's Citizenship Award, the Kiwanis' Multiplication Medallion Challenge, the Piedmont Regional Science Fair, School-Wide Reading Challenge, Good Behavior, Principal's Honor Roll, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance and Outstanding Effort. For the third consecutive year, one of our fifth grade students was named the Spartanburg District Three winner of the SC Superintendent's Writing Award and the Cowpens Elementary School Reading Quiz Bowl Team won the third annual district-wide Battle of the Books competition.

Our faculty and staff successfully participated in the AdvancED District Accreditation Process. Teachers collaborated with grade level colleagues and instructional coaches across the district to plan and write standards-based units to add to the district's on-line curriculum guide. In addition, the CES faculty participated in a year-long book study of small group instruction. Three of our teachers received grants to enrich their classrooms. The school newsletter and Parent/Student Handbook, which extend our communication into the community, received an award for outstanding communications and public relation efforts by schools. Technology continued to drive the curriculum through the use of Promethean Boards, eChalk, Key pals, interactive WebPages, Photo Story productions, and interactive assessment devices.

At CES, service to others is an important component of a student's education. Our students were involved in activities to support others such as Winter Warmth for Kids, Giving Warms the Heart, Jump Rope for Heart, and St. Jude's Math-A-Thon. Over the holidays, our student council provided meals for families and our Southern Signers Club made and delivered over 150 Easter baskets for Meals on Wheels. Students and teachers worked together to raise over \$11,000 for Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

A dedicated faculty and staff, a community-minded student body, and a supportive community make Cowpens Elementary School the ideal place for children to learn and grow into productive citizens.

2010-2011 Major Accomplishments

- ❖ Cowpens Elementary School received a “GOOD” Improvement Rating on State Report Card.
- ❖ The school achieved 100% on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), meeting thirteen out of 13 objectives.
- ❖ We earned the Palmetto Silver Award which recognizes and rewards academic achievement.
- ❖ A fifth grade student was named the Spartanburg District Three winner of the State Superintendent’s Writing Award for the third consecutive year.
- ❖ Faculty, staff and students raised over \$11,000 for the American Cancer Society and gave back to our district students through Winter Warmth and Giving Warms the Heart.
- ❖ Students won the District 3 Battle of the Books competition for the third consecutive year.
- ❖ Three teachers received grants to enrich classroom instruction.
- ❖ The school received National School Public Relations Association Publication Awards for the School Newsletter and the Student/Parent Handbook.
- ❖ Science teachers collaborated across the district to create benchmarks.
- ❖ Our school received National Accreditation by meeting requirements established by AdvancED, a leader in education, who provides a national and international voice on issues related to education quality.

2011-2012 Cowpens Elementary School Priorities

- First grade teachers will strengthen balanced literacy with a focus on reading strategies, small group instruction and comprehension.
- Teachers will target areas of instruction identified through data analysis.
- Second graders will benefit from the expansion of Language Enrichment Acceleration Program (LEAP).
- Social Studies teachers will participate district-wide to create benchmark and unit tests in grades three through five.
- We will focus on Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) in grades three, four and five to individualize reading instruction.
- Third grade teachers will partner with district instructional coaches to improve reading and writing across the curriculum.
- We will develop a summer reading program to help students retain growth.
- Cowpens Elementary School will target an “Excellent” Absolute Rating on our 2011-12 School Report Card.

Student Achievement Data

**Palmetto Assessment of State Standards Performance
2010 – 2011
Students Meeting Standard**

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Grade 3

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Year	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
2010	84.1	81	80.6	87.5	71.4
2011	82.5	69.8	59.4	83.9	N/A

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Grade 4

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Year	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
2010	67.1	81.6	75	67.1	72.4
2011	83.9	77.4	75.8	88.7	N/A

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Grade 5

	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies	Writing
Year	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard	Met Standard
2010	75.4	76.8	73.5	71.4	76.8
2011	70.3	81.1	78.4	51.4	55.1

Statement of Non- Discrimination

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