

# FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

A PREMIER DISTRICT OF CHOICE

## Instructional Updates



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To What Matters Most

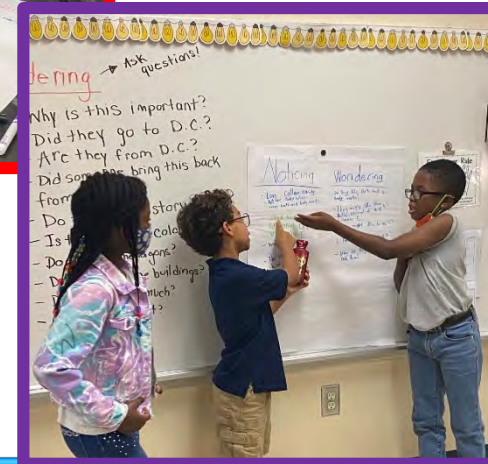
*Ensuring Our Students Are College and/or Career Ready & Are Productive and Responsible Members of Society*

# HALO/Gifted & Talented

We are extremely excited to announce the expansion of our 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Gifted and Talented Program. Our elementary schools are off to a great start with the High Achieving Learning Opportunities (HALO) program.

Students at MSE worked on the skill of noticing and naming with the use of the gradual release model of instruction. Students presented their findings and even used their detective skills to decide who the items belonged to. Students discussed how the skills could be used within various disciplines and in everyday life. Students noted that they "stop to think about their thinking" -- which was powerful.

~Mrs. Ericka Bell Bennett





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- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Programs:** LCECCA, MSE, JPT, REM
    - Kicked Off- Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>
    - Programs will operate for 30 weeks
  - **Original Six Foundation:**
    - O6 Afterschool program expands into five schools located in Greenville, Florence, Marion, and Colleton Counties. Congratulations JCL!!!!
    - The O6 Afterschool program provides students with hands-on, individual support from teachers to achieve their academic goals in a fun learning environment. Each program operates Monday through Thursday with at least two certified teachers and aids students in the completion of homework assignments to reinforce school-day learning.





# Additional Academic Supports

## FLORENCE 3 SCHOOL DISTRICT A PREMIER DISTRICT OF CHOICE ACADEMIC TUTORING AND HOMEWORK CENTER



### Free Assistance with:

- Reading
- Math
- Writing
- Organizational Skills
- Test-taking Strategies
- Academic Improvement
- One-On-One & Group

Open to all Florence District 3 Students

140 Westover Street Lake City, SC 29560

### Hours

Monday thru Thursday 2:30pm thru 6:30pm

Saturdays 10:00 am thru 12:00 pm

\* Hours may change due to holidays and inclement weather

Contact us at

843-374-2836



INSTITUTE OF  
READING DEVELOPMENT



Arts Celebrations are:

**LCECCA** and **JCL** are a part of the **Reimagining and Accelerating Literacy through Arts integration** grant in partnership with ArtsNOW. This grant was awarded to ArtsNOW and Florence 3 from the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Florence 3 was recently awarded the Distinguished Arts Program Grant from S.C. Dept. of Education. Special thanks to Mr. Cliff Gardner for his hard work in this award.





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## “#Digging Deeper”

SESA is implementing a new attendance incentive to decrease chronic absenteeism and discipline. Classes are competing to earn **THE GOLDEN SHOVEL**, which is like their school's spirit stick since they are #diggingdeeper. The class with the best attendance gets to keep the “Golden Shovel” for a month and get bragging rights. Students are SESA are all hyped up about this new school tradition.





# In the Spotlight

**COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN**  
SOUTH CAROLINA

**FIRST STEPS**  
SOUTH CAROLINA

## Building relationships for success!

Countdown to Kindergarten is a school transition program to prepare at-risk children for kindergarten.

The home visitation, relationship-based program is a nationally recognized model first developed by South Carolina First Steps in 2003 and has served more than 15,000 children statewide.

Each summer, now teachers are recruited, trained, and receive a small stipend for their time and travel.

In 2019, more than 200 teachers participated to serve 1,300 children across South Carolina.

## Early Learning Opportunities

### ParentChild+

Equal Possibilities From The Start

**PARENTCHILD+ PURPOSE**

ParentChild+ uses education to break the cycle of poverty for low-income families. We engage early in life and help toddlers and their parents access a path to possibility.

What we provide isn't just early literacy, it is early opportunity. For families living in underserved communities, we are a first step on the ladder to success. Their personal booster club.

It isn't as easy as ABC. It is hard work. It is crucial work. What gets us up each morning is the inspiring thought that for every child for whom we help level the playing field, the equity gap closes a bit more and the possibilities and opportunities expand.

Our mission is urgent. Join us in ensuring that all of our children have equal possibilities from the start.

**THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP STARTS EARLY AND IS DIFFICULT TO OVERCOME**

Words Heard	1-on-1 Reading	Letter Recognition
45k Million	1,000, 1,700 Hours	22 Letters
13 Million	25 Hours	9 Letters
■ Middle Income	■ Low Income	

40% of U.S. children enter kindergarten unprepared

**PARENTCHILD+ CORE MODEL OVERVIEW**

ParentChild+ is an evidence-based school readiness model that prevents the achievement gap by providing young children and their parents with learning tools and skills. The program is based on these four pillars:

**Reaching families where they are:** Families with young children receive 92 twice-weekly 20-minute visits to support healthy development and educational success.

**Building trust:** Our nationwide network of program sites hires community-based Early Learning Specialists who share a linguistic and cultural background with the families with whom they work.

**Promoting parent-child interaction:** Early Learning Specialists provide families with high quality learning tools and guidance to stimulate parent-child interaction, develop language, early literacy, social-emotional skills, and build school readiness.

**Facilitating strong community connections:** Early Learning Specialists become trusted advisors, connecting families and home-based providers to other community resources including food, housing, medical, and educational services.

## Get Ready for Waterford Upstart

Congratulations! Your child is about to begin Waterford Upstart. This at-home learning program is provided at **no cost to you**, thanks to the South Carolina Department of Education.

**Why Waterford Upstart?**

- Your child will learn skills at home to help them be confident and ready for school
- On average, graduates enter kindergarten reading at almost a first-grade level
- Everything you need for the program is included\*

\*Computer and internet provided to qualifying families

But first, you need to attend your parent orientation.

Come to Your Parent Orientation

Don't miss this important meeting. You'll learn everything you need to know about Waterford Upstart so you can get the most out of this learning opportunity for your child.

Go to [www.waterford.org/upstart](http://www.waterford.org/upstart)



# In the Spotlight

**30  
for  
30**  
Reading Challenge

We are committed to 30 minutes reading in our schools.

We challenge students to read for an additional 30 minutes at home.

Reading is essential- we need our students reading fluently by the end of 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Our challenge is to ask parents to match the 30 minutes of uninterrupted reading at home.







# Save the Dates



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**Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>- District Level PD 3:00/4:00pm**

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>- Parent Teacher Conferences/ Interims Issued**

**Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Early Dismissal**

