



JAMESTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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This school is fully accredited by the State of Virginia and through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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- Governor's Award for Educational Excellence 2008
- Virginia Board of Education VIP Excellence Award 2009 - 2011
- Team School with Arlington Science Focus, Key and Taylor

At Jamestown, our mission is to educate all children in an optimal learning environment preparing them for success now and in the future. The staff implements a rich and rigorous academic curriculum. Project Quest, our exemplary project, is a school-wide process to ensure continuous school improvement in teaching and learning. Teachers incorporate the Baldrige Criteria for Excellence in providing a demanding academic program infused with instruction in multiple intelligences and technology. Grade level Professional Learning Communities analyze student work and compile data that drives instructional programming. Every classroom begins the day with a Morning Meeting following the guidelines of the Responsive Classroom Approach.

Spanish is a core curriculum. With its emphasis on collaboration and critical thinking, it enhances and supports the high percentage of our learners that achieve in the advanced range on the SOL state tests. The Jamestown Leadership Team plans professional development focused on annual goals and the embedding of technology and Responsive Classroom strategies throughout the curriculum.

Our Responsive Classroom approach enhances our commitment to excellence, high expectations, and the successful academic, social, and emotional development of all children. Using Responsive Classroom guidelines, teachers empower students to take charge of their social development, interactions, and learning.

VISION STATEMENT

At Jamestown Elementary School students are actively engaged in challenging learning experiences. Instruction is interactive and meaningful. The staff displays a variety of student work and provides the resources to support and enhance the learning process. All members of the Jamestown Community work together to support school goals. Students, staff and community work together as lifelong learners, continuing to grow as productive, caring, and self-reliant citizens.

GOALS

- To maintain/increase the achievement levels of all children
- To have no gap in achievement between identified groups
- To implement school experiences that will be responsive to each student's talents, interests and challenges
- To build effective relationships with the parents and the community so that they know about and can actively support the education of our students

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS, ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Responsive Classroom Approach utilized school-wide
- Challenge-Based Learning Projects: authentic application of instruction
- Student led parent-teacher conferences
- Student led community service projects
- FLES School: Spanish taught as core curriculum
- School-wide emphasis on writing across the curriculum
- Technology integrated throughout the curriculum
- SMART Board Demonstration School
- Instruction geared to the "Multiple Intelligences" of individual students
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program
- Visiting authors, architects, artists and scientists
- Junior Great Books
- Outdoor Habitat and Classroom Gardens
- Geography Bee
- Multidisciplinary approaches to art and music instruction
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Continental Math League.
- Staff collaboration through Professional Learning Communities

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

- A variety of PTA committees
- School Plan Advisory Committee
- Community Service Project leaders
- Volunteers in the classrooms
- Library media and technology volunteers
- New family sponsors
- Junior Great Books leaders
- Schoolyard Habitat consultants
- Odyssey of the Mind sponsors
- Yearbook advisors
- Fine arts partnerships
- Social and fundraising activities
- School-wide theatrical performances