



# School District of Pickens County

*Building success beyond the classroom*

## **ATTENTION PARENTS AND FAMILIES:**

### **Because of Title 1, your child attends a school with:**

- Lower class size
- Additional math and reading supplies in the classroom
- Additional technology-every grade level has an iPad cart with 25 ipads, each classroom has 4-5 ipads on top of that, and we have 3 extra Chromebook carts for checkout
- A full time STEM teacher that integrates engineering and technology concepts into our science curriculum
- Additional training for our teachers to become the best in their fields
- A PBIS (positive behavior systems) program that allows our faculty and staff to focus on the positive character of your children and encourage that daily with a wide variety of incentives and rewards
- Our Reading Program: We incorporate the Daily 5 and Café programs to ensure all students read with fluency and comprehension. Title 1 funds additional instructional materials to run these programs smoothly. Title 1 funds the Reading A to Z and RAZ Kids programs for students to use for extra practice when not meeting expectations.
- Our Math Program: We incorporate hands-on and small group math instruction with technology integration so that students build fact fluency. Title 1 funds the Reflex Math program schoolwide for students to practice this fact fluency on a daily basis.
- After each report card, we host a FREE afterschool tutoring program for students not meeting expectations or needing a little extra “boost.” Transportation is also provided for students that are invited to this program.
- We have a staff member designated as a support person for students and families in grades pre-K through K. She helps these folks become acclimated to public school (helps students in these grades with behavior issues and parents with anything of concern).
- We have an afterschool program for at-risk male students in grades 4-5<sup>th</sup> to be tutored and work on character skills (by invitation)
- We have a remediation/acceleration period in all classrooms every day for 30 minutes designed to give students extra practice on reading and math on their level. Classrooms are supported in this by having extra instructional materials and supplies.
- Parents and families are invited to 3 family night events during the year and at least one day time workshop/event during the day each month. Mrs. Simpson sends our fliers for each of these events and all are welcome! Topics are chosen based on schoolwide needs and parent survey results.
- We host off-site parent workshops at the West Gate apartment complex once a month on the same topics of the sessions offered at school.
- Summer enrichment opportunities: Each child will receive a leveled take-home packet at the end of the school year to practice skills over the summer. Also, every child will get to participate in the buy one, get one free book fair at the end of the year so they go home with new free books.

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