



SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Community Members,

It is with great pride and joy that I welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year! We are dedicated to continuing our quest to learn and improve upon our ability to teach your children. The staff at South is certainly committed to providing an outstanding educational program for each and every child and will live up to our 2015-2016 district motto, “**Every Child, Every Day.**”

In 2014-2015, North Carolina teachers and students embarked on the third year of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study standards. South Elementary School maintained our excellent performance with an overall performance score of 81%. Our reading score was 76% and our Math score was 85%. These scores exceeded growth and earned us an “A” rating in Math. In addition, we met all 13 of our AMO targets under No Child Left Behind legislation. As a result, South earned an overall “B” school rating and as a grade level, the 3rd graders in our district ranked #2 in N.C!

Although we are pleased with our results, our school is fully committed to **CONTINUOUS** improvement in all we do. Consequently, it is paramount that we continue working toward helping all of our students to reach their potential. This year our school community has adopted a theme of **TEAM** which stands for **TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**. We believe parents and community members are essential partners in ensuring academic success for our students. We invite you to take the opportunity to become involved in the education of your child and other South students in order to provide a successful and nurturing academic environment for all.

We look forward to working with the South community to achieve our shared goals of assisting the students to achieve their highest potential in a setting that is respectful, motivating, and challenging. Open and consistent communication are vital components of a successful school. Therefore, we have created several systems that allow you to maintain communication with your child's teacher and the school. Each teacher maintains a website as well as communicates through e-mail. We also have a school website and PTSO website. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school's administration if you have questions or need additional information about South Elementary School!

We look forward to working with you to ensure that ALL children achieve his or her greatest potential!

Yours in Service,

Mark Cottone, Ed.D
Principal