

## What we teach

# Visual & Performing Arts K-5

Our district's elementary curriculum is designed to make learning engaging, holistic and meaningful.

- ◆ The South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards provide the foundation for the work in each subject area.
- ◆ The South Carolina standards in each subject area are available on the South Carolina Department of Education website.

**Click here** for the Visual & performing standards

- ◆ For family-friendly standards-for language arts, math, science, social studies and the arts,

**Click here**

<http://www.scfriendlystandards.org/elementary.htm>

Lancaster County's visual and performing arts curriculum is based on the belief that experiences in the arts are essential to a well-rounded and comprehensive education. We believe the arts offer students opportunities for individual growth and positive social experiences.

## Art

- ✓ Students participate in regularly scheduled classes with a certified visual arts teacher.
- ✓ The program on each level includes experiences designed to promote students' abilities to perceive, appreciate, perform, create, and evaluate their own work as well as the work of others.
- ✓ Students are involved in studying and producing a variety of two-dimensional and three-dimensional art works, and in gaining understanding of our visual arts heritage.
- ✓ Arts are integrated with topics students study in other curricular areas, and student work is displayed within each school and in the community.

## Music

- ✓ Each elementary school offers students regularly scheduled classes with a certified music teacher.
- ✓ Instruction ranges from the basic skills of reading music, creating music and singing in group performances.
- ✓ Students study rhythm, melody, form, harmony, tone, color and expressive qualities and are exposed to the work of a variety of composers and musical styles.
- ✓ Student performances at each school provide the opportunity for students to perform before live audiences. Events such as "The Performances for Young Audiences Series" and "The Elementary Honor Choir" extend students' experience with music.