

Report Card Narratives

New Jersey Department of Education

CHERRY HILL TWP (07-0800-083)

James F. Cooper Elementary School

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

James F. Cooper Elementary School is a small neighborhood school within the city limits of Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Each day, the school personnel welcome approximately 250 students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. The fully certified and highly qualified teachers provide a positive learning environment so that each student can attain a strong educational foundation which will prepare them for future academic success.

To meet the challenge of preparing our students to be 21st Century Learners, our adopted curricula are aligned to the core curriculum standards and prepare students for the state mandated assessments. In addition, technology is integrated into instruction to enhance learning and student performance. Each classroom in grades 3 - 5 has a SMART Board, with the goal that each K - 2 class will have a SMART Board by 2017. A computer lab, Chromebook laptop carts, and iPads round out the technological tools available to each student in grades K - 5.

James F. Cooper Elementary School also provides support for special needs children, which includes full inclusion, in-class support, resource room, and self-contained classrooms. Each student receives the educational support they need to be able to access the curriculum and experience overall achievement. Furthermore, basic skills instruction is also available for students who demonstrate a need for reading intervention.

Our students also benefit from instruction in music, art, physical education, Spanish, technology, and library. In addition, students in 4th and 5th grade have the opportunity to participate in instrumental instruction. These areas provide students with experiences that promote growth and understanding in multiple areas of study for the purpose of developing a well-rounded student.

Strong parental and community support enables families to become active participants in the school. The PTA offers family events and volunteer opportunities. They also support the educational programs by providing funding for technology initiatives. We are also proud of our close alliance with the Boy Scouts. They have spearheaded several projects that benefit the school and donated hours of service time in those efforts.

In closing, the James F. Cooper Elementary School embraces each student and accepts the responsibility to provide them with the skills and knowledge to become fully productive citizens. To that end, we strive to remain progressive and proactive in our educational approach to teaching and learning, and we are committed to academic excellence.

Sincerely,

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