

During the 2020-2021 school year, we were excited to welcome back our students for In-Person instruction following the spring 2020 school closure due to COVID. We started the school year with 238 students receiving In Person instruction, and by February, 2021, we had increased that number to 689, with 45 continuing with remote learning.

Despite required COVID health and safety procedures and guidelines, our primary focus has been to continue to provide quality instruction for all students, while ensuring that the social and emotional needs of students, families, and staff were addressed as appropriate.

We look forward to all of our students returning for In Person instruction for the 2021-22 school year.

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**Whitesides Mission Statement**

The Whitesides family will provide the highest quality of education through a challenging curriculum in a safe, nurturing environment that builds leadership skills, develops an appreciation for diversity and promotes individual creativity. Our goal is to engage students in a program of academic excellence that will prepare them to be independent, responsible citizens in our community.



**Reach for The Stars!**

**Whitesides Elementary School**  
**2020-2021 Annual Summary Report**  
**Highlights**

Outstanding PTA, parental, volunteer, and business support in technology and STEAM

Dedicated and exemplary Highly Qualified teaching faculty

Six National Board Certified (NBC) teachers

Outstanding chorus, student council involvement, computer club, school newspaper, and news show which promote and highlight community and school events for students and parents

Our SIC supports usage of technology, STEAM instruction, leveled libraries, iPads, and technology funded grants, as well as an extensive media collection to address literacy, math, science, and social studies needs of students.

We foster special needs inclusion, student recognition for academic achievement, and musical and visual arts that promote choral and dramatic opportunities along with the Engaging Creative Minds program.

Parents:

It is with pleasure that this annual report communicates to you the progress of our students. We are truly blessed to have phenomenal teachers, involved and supportive parents, dedicated volunteers and grandparents, local businesses and the superb dedication of our PTA. You provide us the raw product and our talented, devoted, highly qualified staff and faculty deliver a quality instructional program that allows our children to flourish. Your support of our instructional programs and the commitment you make to your child and our school allows Whitesides Elementary School to earn recognition yearly.

By analyzing assessment data, we are able to provide teachers with more specific instructional feedback about students through diagnostic benchmarks known as AimsWeb, Fountas and Pinnell, and the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) in grades 2-5. Please note that students were not assessed with SCREADY and SCPASS in 2020 due to school closures related to COVID.

Cindy Perez, Principal

SCREADY Grades 3-5	Percent Met and Exemplary
	2020
English	NA
Math	NA

SC PASS Grades 4-5	Percent Met and Exemplary
	2020
Social Studies	NA
Science	NA

**MAP Reading Median Percentile**

Term	Grade	Percentile
Fall 2020	2	80
Fall 2020	3	77
Fall 2020	4	82
Fall 2020	5	76

**MAP Reading Median Percentile**

Term	Grade	Percentile
Winter 2021	2	76
Winter 2021	3	77
Winter 2021	4	80
Winter 2021	5	75



**MAP Math Median Percentile**

Term	Grade	Percentile
Fall 2020	2	76
Fall 2020	3	77
Fall 2020	4	79
Fall 2020	5	67

**MAP Math median Percentile**

Term	Grade	Percentile
Winter 2021	2	68
Winter 2021	3	81
Winter 2021	4	76
Winter 2021	5	73