



**James Simons Elementary
School**

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Media Advisory

James Simons Elementary Ready to "Make and Take"

Who: Students and parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Media outlets are also welcome.

What: Students in James Simons Elementary School (JSES) Primary Montessori Classes (ages 3, 4, and 5), along with their family members, will be able to participate in the 7th Annual Make and Take Literacy Event. JSES Literacy Coach, Michelle Kraft, will teach reading strategies and skill-building techniques to participating adults as she reads to the children. Families will receive a free copy of the book so they can follow along during the event; they will be able to take the book home so they can complete more activities with their young scholars.

This is also an opportunity to create a "literacy memory" as families learn ways to enjoy books together, which will help strengthen their children's reading skills.

The book Kraft and the families will read together will be announced once the event begins.

Where: James Simons Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room, 741 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403

When: Thursday, February 1, 2018; 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

For more information about the JSES Make and Take Literacy Event, contact Michelle Kraft at (843) 724-7763 or michelle_kraft@charleston.k12.sc.us.

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Charleston County School District (CCSD) is the second largest school system in South Carolina representing a unique blend of urban, suburban, and rural schools that span 1,000 square miles along the coast. CCSD serves more than 50,000 students in 86 schools and specialized programs. With approximately 6,100 employees district-wide, CCSD is the fourth largest employer in the region.

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