

# Why South Douglas Elementary?

I believe South Douglas is special because it is a school that I can trust. I know the best interest of the students is what drives the daily operation of the school. I have complete confidence in the staff and administration at South Douglas. They take the time to get to know the students and build the relationships that foster success. They are dedicated to work together with parents to help the students succeed.

-South Douglas Parent

#### **Achievements**

♦ Ranked in the top 25% of the 1,208 elementary schools in Georgia on SchoolDigger.com

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Please visit the school website: sdes.dcssga.org



# **Inside the Classroom**

South Douglas is a high quality school with a safe, clean, nurturing, stimulating, and disciplined atmosphere that is conducive to learning. With a school-wide climate of high expectations, all students are expected to be working at least on grade level and encouraged to go beyond. The staff spends many hours outside of the regular work day to plan and prepare to meet the needs of all students. Students and teachers are actively engaged in teaching and learning. There is consistency in the quality of teaching from classroom to classroom due to the emphasis placed on collaboration.

There is a strong home-school connection. South Douglas values parents as a crucial part of the learning team. The staff and administration create a climate of accessibility for parents and students by demonstrating an approachable style. Communication is the key. Parents are able to share what their children are learning, how their children are progressing, and how they are helping them at home.

Test scores for South Douglas are a good indicator of school success. On the Georgia Milestones, most students are able to demonstrate strong academic skills and perform well. From year to year, students not only show academic growth, but also show social and emotional growth. Clearly, the supportive environmental conditions are paying off.

Challenging. Supportive. Safe.

#### **Our Mission**

The mission of South Douglas Elementary School is to provide a quality education for all students in a safe supportive environment.

#### **Our Vision**

To build a foundation that will enable all students to become life-long learners and productive members of society.

## Principal's Message

At South Douglas everyday is a great day to learn something new! South Douglas students are encouraged to demonstrate outstanding character and work together to achieve academic goals. We are proud to serve the Fairplay community.

-Principal Casey Duffey

Student Enrollment: 521

Total Staff: 64 Certified Staff: 40 Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees: 90%

Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of 10/21

To access statemandated test scores including the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.



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## **Beyond the Classroom**

South Douglas offers several before and after school activities for students.

- ♦ Students can grow as artists and performers throughout the school year by participating in Art Club or Chorus.
- ◊ Jr. Beta Club is an opportunity for students who excel in academics as well as social skills to meet together for a common purpose.
- ♦ Fourth grade students have an opportunity weekly to "rap" to the world of words in the Flocabulary Club.
- ♦ The SDES Tome Society is a club that promotes selfesteem, leadership skills, and character ethics.
- ♦ The Math Team builds strong mathematical skills in students and prepares them for the county-wide Math Competition.
- ♦ The Road Runners program is open to students in all grades. The club introduces students to running and encourages them to pursue fitness as a lifelong activity.
- ♦ The Science Club is where students create fun and meaningful STEM activities to help foster their love of learning about science.