

# Kindergarten is great at ASE!

Starting kindergarten is an important time in the life of every child and parent. At Ann Smith Elementary, we strive to create an environment in which all children are comfortable to explore and learn. Our kindergarten curriculum is designed to provide children with developmentally appropriate experiences that will maximize their learning potential. Through shared and guided reading, imaginative play and hands-on activities, our students develop a love of learning that lays the foundation for a successful education.

We also believe that real-world experiences give children the opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in a meaningful way! For this reason, we provide our kindergarteners with many learning experiences within the community. We also have many significant events at school for our students to participate in throughout the year. Some of the kindergarten field trips and events include:

- \*Visits to local fire and police stations and city hall
- \*Touring a local farm and pumpkin patch
- \*Annual Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast
- \*Polar Express Day – PJs and hot chocolate
- \*Theatre performances by Mississippi Puppetry Guild and Ridgeland High School drama students
- \*100<sup>th</sup> day of school celebration
- \*Read Across America – “local celebrities” as guest readers
- \*Easter parade to The Orchard Retirement Home
- \*Kindergarten Circus Day

We can't wait for your child to be a part of Ann Smith Elementary!