

# West Side Elementary School Family-School Compact for Achievement 2019-2020

## Focus for Learning First Grade

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### What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

#### Effective Compacts:

- Begin with standards.
- Focus on student learning.
- Respond to school data.
- Define everyone's responsibilities.
- Depend on us to believe it and use it!

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## Goals for Student Learning

### District Goals:

- To improve the percentage of students scoring proficient (levels 3, 4) in grades 3 through 8.
- To improve the percentage of students graduating from high school

### S.M.A.R.T Goals:

- By May 2020, 90% of our students will read fluently on grade level as measured by the low and some risk percentiles on easyCBM - Reading.
- By May 2020, 57% of our students will score at or above Benchmark on STAR Math benchmark.

### Areas of Emphasis:

- In ELA our grade level will focus on phonics skills.
- In Math our grade level will focus on addition and subtraction, within 20, and place value.

### First Grade Student Goals:

WSE students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed and reach for the stars in math and language arts. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Practice & learn my sight words.
- Practice & learn my math facts.
- Read every night.

### First Grade Teacher Goals:

First Grade teachers will work with students and their families to support students' success in language arts and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Send home weekly newsletters containing activities concentrating on decoding words and recognizing sight words.
- Send parents homework folders including sight word recognition, passage reading, and math fact practice.

### First Grade Parent Goals:

WSE parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in language arts and math.

- Set aside a quiet place for my child to do homework and make sure my child completes their homework.
- Read together and discuss books at home daily.
- Stay in touch with my child's teacher through conferences, emails, notes and phone calls, etc., regarding ELA and math.

### Communication about Student Learning

WSE is committed to communicating regularly with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- Report Cards
- Parent Portal
- Class DOJO
- Newsletters
- Progress Reports
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Weekly Folders

### Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Parents can contact their child's teacher by phone (706-866-9211) or email. Email addresses are on the school website at: <http://wse.catoosa.k12.ga.us>

### Jointly Developed

The parents and staff of West Side Elementary School developed this Family-School Compact for Student Achievement. Parents creating the suggestions for home activities to support learning. School-wide meetings are held each year to update this Compact. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time. For more information on the First Grade compact, please contact Robert Mountjoy @ 706-866-9211.

## First Grade Mission Statement:

"We will live by the 7 Habits each day. We will lead by example with love."

### Coming Soon

- Annual Title I Meeting – September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM
- Parent Orientation – September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM
- Fall Parent Advisory Council Meeting – September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM
- Volunteer Orientation – September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM
- Parent – Teacher Conferences – October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM
- Breakfast with Dads – December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 AM
- Title I Self Esteem Workshop – December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM
- Student Led Conferences – January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 PM
- Spring Parent Advisory Council Meeting – April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 PM
- Breakfast with Moms – May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 AM
- Kindergarten Transition Workshop – May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM
- Middle School Transition Workshop – Date & Time - TBD

### *Watch for Details!*

#### Did you know parental involvement is associated with higher student achievement?

Volunteering at your child's school is a great way to get involved! Please contact our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Jenifer Adkins at (706)866-9211 or by email at [jadkins.wse@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:jadkins.wse@catoosa.k12.ga.us)

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"From Here to Career"