

West Side Elementary School

Family-School Compact for Achievement

2021-2022

Focus for Learning Kindergarten

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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 2022, 90% of our students will read fluently on grade level as measured by the low and some risk percentiles on easyCBM - Reading.
- By May 2022, 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 letter recognition, sounds, reading 10 minutes each night, and weekly sight word practice.
- In Math our grade level will focus on practicing counting to 100 and writing numerals 0-20.

Kindergarten 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 committed to the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Tell my parents what I learned each day after school.
- Ask my teachers or family for help if I do not understand something I am learning.
- Practice counting to 100 both forward and backward.

Kindergarten Teacher Goals:

WSE 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:

- ELA: Send home standards to work on at home in the newsletter, students will use the ipad with Epic, ABCMouse, Blobble Write and Starfall to read, listen and work on assigned activities. Levelled readers were sent home with each student.
- Math: Send home standards to work on in the newsletter. Students will use ipads with ABCMouse, Blobble Write and Starfall to practice assigned skills and activities. Eureka Math homework. Math manipulatives were sent home with each student.

Kindergarten Parent Goals:

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

- I will read the class newsletter so that I am informed of what will be taught and will give me the ability to help my child learn at home.
- I will read at home with my child and practice reading skills such as learning site words, vocabulary words, fluency, and reasoning.
- I will practice math facts with my child.

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
- Compacts will be discussed during POWOW meetings

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 Kindergarten Compact, please contact Robert Mountjoy @ 706-866-9211.

Kindergarten Mission Statement:

"Each student will become a creative and responsible learner. We will be respectful of other learners and strive to display leadership qualities by using the 7 Habit. We will make good choices that will support each other socially, emotionally, and cognitively. Our goal is to consistently challenge ourselves and never stop learning!"

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, Heather Bradford at (706)866-9211 or by email at hbradford.wse@catoosa.k12.ga.us