

## Building Partnerships

Factory Shoals Elementary School provides many resources and tools to help parents support their children in reaching their academic goals. We are excited to offer a **Parent Resource Center (PRC)** with a variety of free educational games, books, workbooks and other materials for parents to have or check-out for home use. There are also parent workshops and meetings scheduled throughout the year that include topics such as Literacy, Math, Science, Social Studies and Test Taking . The First Grade Teacher Newsletter and the *Parent Post Newsletter* are sent home with every child and provides additional information on parent and family engagement activities/opportunities at our school. Parents/Families are also invited to come to the school for grade level Informational Nights, School Council and Parent Advisory Council meetings as well as for special events such as Back to School Boogie, Grandparents Day Breakfast, Fall Festival, SneakerBall Family Dance, Donuts for Grown-ups, and more!

## Communication about Student Learning

Factory Shoals Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you include the following:

- First grade teachers will utilize daily student folders, Remind as communication tools.
- Dolphin Dispatch folders will be sent home every Wednesday containing student work and any current assessment results.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held twice per school year.
- Progress reports and report cards will be issued quarterly.
- Updates will be posted on the school and district websites.
- School Messenger is also used.

## What is a School Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, school staff, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents, students, and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

The Factory Shoals Elementary School Parent Compact:

- Is linked to the goals on the school improvement plan
- Focuses on student learning skills
- Describes how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Shares strategies parents can use at home
- Explains how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describes opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom.

## How is the School Parent Compact Developed?

Factory Shoals Elementary School parents, students, staff, and teachers contributed to the development of this Compact. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them. Meetings are held throughout the year to review the Compact and make changes based on input received. Parents/Families can contribute ideas at any time using the Comment Cards found in the Parent Resource Center or in the main office. For more information about the Compact or about submitting input and/or feedback, please contact: please contact: Hector Cotte, Family Engagement Contact at 770.651.3937 or [hector.cotte@dcssga.org](mailto:hector.cotte@dcssga.org).

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

# SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2023-2024

## First Grade Focus For Student Success



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## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### Douglas County School System Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts (ELA) and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

### Factory Shoals Elementary School Goals

**English Language Arts (ELA) school goal:** The percentage of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students who will score at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the English Language Arts and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by at least six percentage points.

- ◆ 1st grade students will develop the ability to read 53 words per minute of an age appropriate text.

**Math school goal:** The percentage of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students who will score at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by at least six percentage points.

- ◆ 1st grade students will focus on developing their understanding of number sense fluency in addition and subtraction facts.

### **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS**

At Factory Shoals, parents/families are encouraged to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom. We do request that you schedule these visits with the teacher at least one day ahead of time to make certain there are no conflicts with testing or other events. Parents have the opportunity to call, send notes, or emails to request to volunteer, or observe in the classroom

## TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

### **IN OUR FIRST GRADE CLASSROOM**

The first grade teachers will work with students and their families to support student success in ELA and Math. To promote connections with families, teachers will:

- ◆ Provide i-Ready login codes and other resources for parents to use at home to help with math and reading. Provide myON login to help with reading.
- ◆ Provide a homework packet for students to work on nightly to improve their understanding of Math and ELA concepts.
- ◆ Provide parents with math and reading resources to practice with students.

### **AT HOME**

Factory Shoals parents and staff developed ideas about how families can support student success in ELA and math. Parents may have other ideas to add to this list. Parents will:

- ◆ Ensure student works on i-Ready and myON and other resources to practice reading and math (addition and subtraction) 3-4 times a week.
- ◆ Monitor and assist their student in completing the weekly homework packet.
- ◆ Use resources to practice math concepts to develop number sense and to help develop reading fluency and comprehension. Read with student daily.

### **FACTORY SHOALS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Factory Shoals students, staff, and parents developed ideas about how students can succeed in school and reach for the stars in ELA and math. To make connections between learning at home and school, students will:

- ◆ Practice reading and addition and subtraction facts at home using MyON, i-Ready, and other resources.
- ◆ Progress in their understanding of math and ELA concepts by completing weekly homework packet.
- ◆ Use resources to increase reading fluency and comprehension and practice math concepts. Read at least 20 minutes daily.

### **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS?**

It is our goal to provide reasonable access to school staff. Please see the contact information below for our first grade teachers. Email addresses are formatted Firstname.Lastname@dcssga.org

First Grade Teachers: Ms. Christi Buffington, Ms. Christen Davis, Ms. Caryn Hendrickson, Ms. Jazzmyne Nelson, & Ms. Gwendolyn Starr