

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 *Second Grade Quarterly 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:

- Second grade teachers will utilize daily student folders and Remind as communication tools.
- Dolphin Dispatch folders are 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

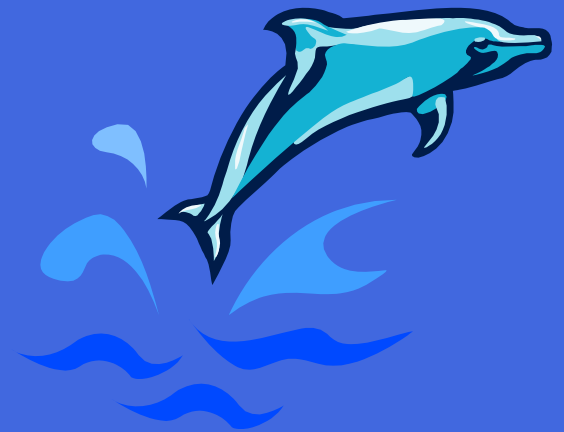
How is the School Parent Compact Developed?

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.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2023-2024

Second 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 3rd-5th grade students who will score at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the English Language Arts End of Grade Assessments will increase by at least six percentage points.

- * 2nd grade students will focus on developing their comprehension and vocabulary of 2nd grade texts through various strategies and techniques.

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

- * 2nd grade students will focus on developing their understanding of math problem solving skills.

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 SECOND GRADE CLASSROOM

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

- ◆ Develop goals with students to increase problem solving skills and will send ELA and math goals to parents along with practical ideas of supporting these goals.
- ◆ Students will utilize AVID Notetaking
- ◆ Provide parents with newsletter and websites such as i-Ready, myON, and PBS Kids for supporting math and reading goals at home.
- ◆ Use a "word wall" for reading and math vocabulary words to help with problem solving and comprehension. Send new words for each unit in the newsletter.

AT HOME

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

- ◆ Use flash cards, websites, and homework to support learning at home and student goals in ELA and Math. Read daily with student.
- ◆ Use web based programs and practical concepts from newsletter to explore ELA and Math at home.
- ◆ Refer to the vocabulary words sent home in newsletter and use them in conversation at home.
- ◆ Check folders daily
- ◆ Assist with homework

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:

- ◆ Set goals for learning basic problem solving and comprehension strategies and practice these at home.
- ◆ Use practical ideas from the newsletter to explore Math and web based programs to support Math and reading.
- ◆ Practice using vocabulary words and share what the words mean with friends and family.

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 second grade teachers. Email addresses are formatted Firstname.Lastname@dcssga.org.

Second Grade Teachers: Ms. Nicole Clay, Ms. Amy Drake, Ms. Kearra Jones, Ms. Christina Miller, & Mr. Michael Wooden