

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. A weekly *Kindergarten Newsletter* is 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 Grandparents' Day Breakfast, Polar Express, Egg hunt, and other kindergarten activities.

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:

- Kindergarten teachers will utilize daily student folders and & Remind as a communication tool.
- Dolphin Dispatch folders 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

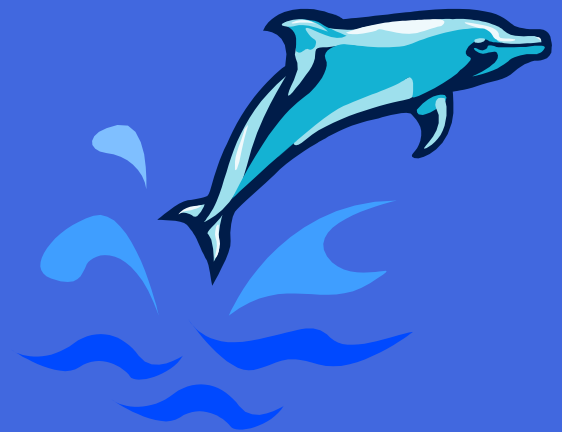
How is the School Parent Compact Developed?

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

Kindergarten 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.

- ◆ Through guided reading, kindergarten will focus on strategies to promote fluency, comprehension, and reading on level 4 on the Developmental Reading Assessment.
- ◆ Students will master 220 sight words and recall each word in 3 seconds or less.

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 by at least six percentage points.

- ◆ Kindergarten will focus on recognizing and applying appropriate math terms through number recognition, counting, and adding and subtracting.

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 KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM

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

- ◆ Provide parents with homework and tips on how to use strategies to build reading comprehension and fluency in the "Compact Corner" of the weekly newsletter.
- ◆ Provide parents websites, ways to help at home and suggestions of materials to check out from the Parent Resource Center to work on math and reading.
- ◆ Provide parents with sight word materials.

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:

- ◆ Look for the weekly newsletter and check out the "Compact Corner" section to find ways to become a better reader and help complete the monthly projects.
- ◆ Provide opportunities for child to work on math and reading skills online and in everyday activities (cooking, shopping, etc.).
- ◆ Parents will practice sight words and read with their child nightly.

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:

- ◆ Utilize "Compact Corner" strategies with their parents to practice reading and math skills and complete homework.
- ◆ Practice reading and math using web programs, resources from the Parent Resource Center, and every day activities.
- ◆ Recall weekly sight words.

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 kindergarten teachers. Email addresses are formatted Firstname.Lastname@dcssga.org

Kindergarten Teachers: Ms. Melissa Guns, Ms. Britini Lockett, Ms. Morgan Johnson,
& Ms. Brandi Sparks