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: Denine Pope, Parent Outreach Facilitator at 770.651.3901 or denine.pope@dcssga.org

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 Third Grade *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 Grandparents Day Breakfast, Doughnuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom, etc.

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:

- Third grade teachers will utilize daily student folders as a communication tool.
- 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.

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SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2019-2020

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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) 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 six percentage points.

* 3rd grade ELA focus areas are vocabulary, comprehension and writing with text based evidence.

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 six percentage points.

* 3rd grade math focus areas are math fact fluency, multi step problem solving and measurement.

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 Third Grade Classroom

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

- Create, post to website and send home ELA PowerPoints, writing rubrics, logins and handouts that will assist parents with strategies being taught in the classroom.
- Send home parent tip sheets for each math module that has ways to improve math skills.
- Provide learning websites and other resources that address ELA and Math standards. Students can use the learning websites in the classroom and at home.

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 ELA PowerPoint, web sites, writing rubrics, and handouts to help their child retain the ELA strategies at home.
- Utilize parent tip sheets to practice math skills with my child.
- Encourage students to use websites and other resources provided by the teacher to improve ELA and Math skills. Read daily with student.

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 ELA PowerPoints, websites, writing rubrics, and handouts to practice ELA strategies.
- Use the handouts to work on strategies with math skills at home.
- Use websites purchased by the school to enrich their learning in Math and ELA at school and at home. Students will read 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 third grade teachers. Email addresses are formatted First.Last@dcssga.org

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