What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent 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 our students meet Georgia grade-level standards.

Jointly Developed
All parents, students, and staff at Smyrna Elementary are invited to be involved in the review and approval of the compact. Teachers suggest home learning strategies, and parents and students share ideas about what will help students learn. A Title I parent input meeting is held twice a year, and parents’ feedback is welcome.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.
Please contact Sharon Arduino at sharon.arduino@cobbk12.org or please call at 678-842-6741.

Building Partnerships
Throughout the year parents will have opportunities to partner with the staff at Smyrna to enhance their understanding of the standards as well as the curriculum and to celebrate student success. Some events to look forward to:
- PTA Meetings
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Parent Workshops
- Volunteering
- Open House
- Watch D.O.G.S
- All Pro Dads
- Smyrna Elementary Foundation

Communication

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences: Student-Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in October 2020. Students may help to facilitate conferences by sharing their goals, accomplishments, and challenges with parents and teachers.

Communication Regarding Student Progress: Parents will receive daily correspondence from teachers regarding student progress. Academic alerts will be sent at the 4 ½ week mark of the grading period if there are any concerns. Report cards will be sent at the end of each 9-week grading period.

CTLS Parent Portal: Information, reminders, curriculum updates, and important dates are dispersed to parents through this system. This system has the ability to translate information to the user’s primary language.

Volunteer Opportunities: Parents are invited to volunteer and assist by contacting the classroom teacher by phone or email. Parents may also contact Ana Riley at anayansi.riley@cobbk12.org or by phone (678)842-6741 for more information.

Detailed information will be sent home and made available on the school’s website.
Goals for Student Achievement

Cobb County School District Goals

- Increase student performance in all core content areas by 2% annually as measured by achievement data.
- CCSD will increase the participation rate of families and communities engaging in services/programs by 10% as measured by CTLS Parent data, survey results & web view module.
- By 2023, we will reorganize the PL framework to meet the needs of all schools to ensure alignment with Superintendent Priorities as measured by PL opportunities, surveys, and student achievement.
- By the end of 2025 school year every school will have identified practices and resources that support student success as measured by student academic, perception or discipline data.

Smyrna Elementary Goals

Reading: Increase by 5% the number of students reading on grade level as measured by RI and Next Step Forward in Guided Reading Assessment (K-2) during the 2021-2022 school year.

Math: Increase by 5% the number of students performing on grade level in math as measured by MI (Proficient or Advanced) during the 2021-2022 school year.

Focus Area

Reading
The focus will be on supporting students to read with fluency, comprehension, and confidence.

Students will build upon previously learned phonics skills to become proficient readers.

Math
Our focus is for each child to develop conceptual understanding and fluency with basic math facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

In the Classroom Teachers Will:

The first-grade teachers, specialists, and support staff will work with students and their families to develop student competency according to grade level standards.

The teachers will:
- Provide a variety of reading materials (fiction and nonfiction) for students on their reading levels (Raz-Kids, classroom books, library books).
- Provide information about what students are learning in reading through social media (such as Class Dojo and Class Tag), web pages, and take-home folders. Teachers will also provide this information at the October parent-teacher conference.
- Encourage students to track their reading using Beanstack or provide reading logs.
- Provide students with math strategies that support conceptual understanding and fluency.

At Home Parents Will:
- Provide a daily reading time (15-20 minutes) and encourage students to read fiction and nonfiction books.
- Read information about what students are learning in reading on class web pages, Class Dojo and/or CTLS and information in take-home folders. Parents will use the information they receive at the parent-teacher conference to support students in reading.
- Encourage students to keep track of what they read using Beanstack or a reading log.
- Encourage the use of math strategies that are used in class. Provide opportunities to solve real world math problems.

The Students Will:
- Bring home books and read each night.
- Tell parents what they are learning in reading and bring the take-home folder home each night.
- Keep track of their reading using Beanstack or a reading log.
- Engage in daily guided math small groups. Use math strategies from class to solve math problems.