What is a Family-School Compact?

A Title I Family-School 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 students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

Westwood Elementary is a Schoolwide Title 1 school. The goal of a Schoolwide Title 1 program is to ensure that all students, particularly low achieving students, demonstrate proficient and advanced levels of achievement.

School Goals

Reading: In the fall of 2022, the percentage of 3, 4, & 5th grade students meeting or exceeding the Minnesota reading performance standards will increase from 57% to 63% as measured by the Reading MCA III.

Math: In the fall of 2022, the percentage of 3, 4, & 5th grade students meeting or exceeding Minnesota mathematics performance standards will increase from 60% to 66% as measured by the Math MCA III.

Supporting Partnerships

Activities to Support Partnerships

Welcome Conferences
- Aug. 25, Sept. 8

Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 28 & Nov. 4
- Feb. 10 & 17

Math Take-Home Bags Hand Out
Oct. 28 & Nov. 4

Hour of Code: At-Home & Virtual Family Event
- Dec. 8

One District One Book Celebration Reading Breakfast
- Feb. 24

Communicating About Learning

Westwood Elementary is committed to communicating regularly with families about their child’s learning. Some of the ways parents can expect to receive communication include:

- Seesaw (primary communication)
- Weekly Friday take-home folders
- Weekly school newsletters
- Fourth and fifth grade agendas

Questions? Parents can contact their child’s teacher to check on progress.

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District 742 schools work with students and families to support student success in reading and math. Some key connections with families include:

- District and school website resources support and challenge student learning and are available at www.isd742.org.
- Minnesota Reading Corps provides one-on-one support for kindergarten through grade three students.
- Minnesota Math Corps provides support through small groups for students in grades four and five.
- ADSIS (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services) provides additional small group support in reading and math.
- The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) college readiness program helps students develop the skills they need to be successful in college.
- ALEKS (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces) is an adaptive learning program for students.

Reading and math take practice. Here are a few ideas to help with that. Families may have other ideas to add to this list.

- Attend family fun nights and participate in activities and strategies to promote student learning.
- Read every day with your child. PAKRAT (Partners and Kids Reading A-Lot Together) provides a different book each school day for students to bring home and read for 20 minutes.
- Have fun with math. Use materials found at home to explore math.
- Play word games with the new vocabulary words and find ways to use these words in family conversations.
- Be informed by looking for the school newsletter and visiting the school website regularly.
- Connect to any of the available online educational sites such as Symbaloo. Click on Student Connect from your school’s web page.
- Encourage and support technology for school and academics. Use technology to enhance your child’s learning and education. Watch online tutorials and become familiar with Seesaw and Google Classroom.

Students may want to try the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and at school:

- Talk with family about new vocabulary words and what they’re learning in math.
- Bring home class newsletters and notices about family fun nights and events.
- Keep a log of games they play at home to practice new vocabulary words and math.
- Utilize some of the many educational links available through the school website when they have screen time.