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.

District 742 Mission

The Mission of St. Cloud Area School District 742 is to create a safe and caring climate and culture in which we prepare, engage, educate, empower and inspire all learners in partnership with their surrounding community to be successful in today’s and tomorrow’s society.

School Goals

Reading: By the fall of 2024, the percentage of 3, 4, & 5th grade students meeting or exceeding Minnesota reading performance standards will increase from 46% to 50% as measured by the Reading MCA III.

Math: By the fall of 2024, the percentage of 3, 4, and 5th grade students meeting or exceeding Minnesota mathematics performance standards will increase from 49% to 54% as measured by the Math MCA III.

Activities to Support Partnerships

Goal Setting Conferences
• Aug. 30, Sept. 5

Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences
3-7:30
• Oct. 17 & 26
• Feb. 15 & 22

PAKRAT/PAKCAT Reading & Math Activities
Oct. 17 & 26

Hour of Code: At-School & Virtual Family Event
• Dec. 7

Read Across America
• Feb. 27

STEM Night & PAKRAT Book Bus
• May 2

PAWR (Parent Association at Westwood) Meetings
Mondays, Media Center, 6 p.m.
• Sept. 12
• Oct. 2
• Nov. 6
• Dec. 4
• Jan. 8
• Feb. 5
• March 11
• April 1
• May 6

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
• Third, Fourth and fifth grade agendas

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

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In the Classroom

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.
- ADSIS (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services) provides additional small group support in reading and math.
- iReady uses insights from the iReady Diagnostic, and creates personalized instruction via online lessons and learning games that parallel the work from the iReady comprehensive math curriculum taught in all K-5 classrooms.

At Home

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.

Suggestions for Success

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.