

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2016-2017

Kindergarten Focus For Student Success



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Building Partnerships

Lithia Springs Elementary School provides many opportunities that parents can utilize to help their children succeed. The **Parent Resource Center** (PRC) offers a variety of resources such as educational games, books, workbooks and other materials. Parents may use materials in the center, or they may take advantage of the lending library to check-out resources for home use. There are also parent workshops and meetings scheduled throughout the year that include topics such as Math, Technology, and Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT). The Lion's Den and the Parent Post are two newsletters that are sent home that include more information on family engagement activities at our school.

Communication about Student Learning

Lithia Springs 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:

- Daily student folders
- Kindergarten newsletters
- Phone calls and/or emails
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held once a school year.
- Progress reports and report cards will be issued quarterly.
- Updates will be posted on the school and district websites.
- NotifyMe

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 Lithia Springs 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?

Lithia Springs 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 can contribute ideas at any time using our Comment Cards (housed in the Parent Resource Center or in the main office). For more information about the Compact or about submitting input, please contact the Parent Outreach Facilitator at Lithia Springs Elementary School at (770) 651- 4167.

Our Goals for Student Achievement

Douglas County School System Goals-Title I

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade Assessments will increase by five percentage points.

Lithia Springs Elementary School Goal

Lithia Springs Elementary School will increase their 2016 CCRPI score by 3% points.

Math Focus Area:

- Develop Number Sense

Reading Focus Area:

- Vocabulary/ Reading Strategies

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

At Lithia Springs Elementary, parents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom. Parents may visit their child's classroom anytime school is in session, provided they are the legal guardian, sign in at the office, and follow school policies for classroom visits. 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 reading and math. We will work with students and families in the following ways:

- We will integrate technology in the classroom using MyOn reader and Core Clicks to incorporate informational text .
- The monthly Kindergarten newsletter will feature activities that include specific strategies to build number sense and vocabulary
- Offer parent support nights focused on math and Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)
- Our school webpage has links to family friendly websites such as ABC Mouse and Odyssey with home access provided.

AT HOME

Lithia Springs Elementary School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math. Some of our key at-home activities will be:

- Access MyOn on your home computer using the login provided.
- Play vocabulary and math games or visit the educational websites detailed in the monthly newsletters.
- Attend the APTT parent nights for important information and free resources you can utilize at home.
- Check the school's website or your teacher's webpage for links to fun learning activities.

LITHIA SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Lithia Springs Elementary School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in reading and math. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Keep a reading log of books read at home and include the ones heard on MyOn.
- Bring home the monthly newsletter for information about fun learning activities
- Remind parents to attend the APTT parent nights.
- Enjoy the learning games in your monthly newsletter. Encourage your parents to participate with you.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS?

It is our goal to provide reasonable access to school staff. All teachers have a phone number and an email address. Access both the phone number and email address on our school website <http://lithiasprings.dce.schoolinsites.com/> Please call the school at (770) 651-4100 for more information.