

## 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 Sweetwater 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?

Sweetwater 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 Instructional Lead Teacher at Sweetwater Elementary School at (770) 651-4659.

## Building Partnerships

Sweetwater 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 Social Studies, Class Conferences, Math, & Science, Attendance Matters, and Test Taking Strategies. The Parent Post is a newsletter that is sent home that includes more information on family engagement activities at our school.

## Communication about Student Learning

Sweetwater 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:

- Sweetwater teachers will utilize agendas as a communication tool.
- A weekly communication folder will be sent home with evaluated work, announcements, newsletters, and an overview of students' citizenship and work habits for the week.
- 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.
- Parent Link, Twitter, NotifyMe, flyers, and signage are also used.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

# SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2016-2017

## First Grade Focus For Student Success



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## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### Douglas County School System - 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.

### Sweetwater Elementary School Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the GMAS in English Language Arts and Mathematics will increase by five percentage points.

#### **To achieve our goals, the focus areas for first grade will be:**

- Using sight words and technology to improve reading skills
- Building fluency in counting and math facts

## BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

At Sweetwater Elementary, parents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom. We request that you schedule these visits with the teacher at least one day ahead to make certain there are no conflicts with testing or other events. Parents have the opportunity to call, send notes, or email to request to volunteer or observe in the classroom. A brief training is required to volunteer at school.

# TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

### IN OUR FIRST GRADE CLASSROOM

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade team will work with students and families to support student success in reading and math. To promote connections with families, teachers will:

- Provide strategies for parents to review sight words at home (600+ words for 1st grade).
- Share passwords for Odyssey, MyOn, and iPass.
- Teach counting to 120, addition and subtraction fluency through 10, and strategies for solving math problems to 20. Share resources for Eureka Math.
- Suggest resources for parents to check out from the Parent Resource Center (PRC) and assist with Title I parent workshops.

### AT HOME

Sweetwater parents and staff developed ideas about how families can support student success in reading and math. Families may have other ideas to add to this list. Parents will:

- Review assigned sight words with child every day by using flash cards or reading through lists.
- Read with child every day for 15 minutes. Access Odyssey, MyOn, and/or iPass at home.
- Supervise math homework and use everyday activities at home to practice counting and basic math facts. Use online resources from Eureka Math.
- Check out learning devices from the Parent Resource Center and attend at least one Title I Parent Workshop.

### SWEETWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Sweetwater students, staff, and parents developed ideas about how students can succeed in school and reach for the stars in reading and math. To make connections between learning at home and school, students will:

- Review sight words at home every day and read for 15 minutes.
- Work at home on Odyssey, MyOn, and iPass.
- Practice counting and basic math facts at home with parents and use Eureka Math online resources.
- Use devices that parents check out from the PRC to improve reading and math.

### 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 first grade teachers. Email addresses are formatted First.Last@douglas.k12.ga.us.

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