

## 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) 651-4647.

## 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, Homework Help, 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

## Fifth 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.

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### Focus Areas for Fifth Grade

To achieve our goals, the focus areas for fifth grade will be:

- Using MyOn and Lexile levels to improve reading comprehension
- Using Eureka Math and technology to improve math fact fluency

## 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 FIFTH GRADE CLASSROOM

The 5th grade team will work with students and families to support student success in reading and math. To promote connections with families, teachers will:

- Communicate with families using the daily agenda and weekly communication folder. A monthly newsletter will be sent home listing current/upcoming topics of study.
- Collaborate with students and parents to set individual, realistic goals for reading and math.
- Encourage students to utilize available web-based software at home to meet reading and math goals.
- Provide parents with MyOn login information. Share child's Lexile reading level with parents to assist in choosing appropriate reading material at home.
- Share Eureka Math newsletters with parents and online resources. Provide parents with strategies and iLearn login information on how to practice basic math facts.

### 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:

- Check and sign the agenda daily and the communication folder weekly.
- Work with the teacher and student to set individual goals for reading and math. Utilize web-based software at home.
- Ensure that students view Eureka Math instructional videos and complete assignments if technology is available at home.
- Read nightly with their child on an appropriate reading level at least 30 minutes and discuss the reading in order to increase comprehension. Parents will ensure student spends time at home reading on the MyOn program.
- Practice basic math fact fluency nightly with their child using flashcards, timed tests, iLearn Thinkfast and Eureka Math strategies and online resources.

### 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:

- Share the agenda and communication folder with parents.
- Work with teacher and parents to set and meet goals for reading and math and use iPass and MyOn at home.
- Complete all homework assignments including watching Eureka Math instructional videos if technology is available at home.
- Read at least 30 minutes at home each day with parents or on MyOn.
- Practice basic math fact fluency nightly using flashcards or Thinkfast on iLearn.

### 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 5th grade teachers. Email addresses are formatted First.Last@douglas.k12.ga.us.

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