

What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School Compact is an agreement that families, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how families and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the School Improvement Plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The School Improvement Team of Pine Valley Elementary developed this Family-School Compact with input from parents and students.

Principal's Signature: Samuel Kantrowitz

Teacher's Signature: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Activities to Build Partnerships

Pine Valley Elementary School is committed to forming partnerships with families. Families can become actively involved through

- Becoming an active member of the PTA
- Volunteering in classrooms
- Participating in Family Nights
- Having lunch at school
- Helping with field trips, fun day, or Green Thumb days
- Volunteering with an afterschool activity such as Science Olympiad, Girls on the Run, or Stride
- Coming to the summer library program

Communication about Student Learning

Pine Valley 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 are

- Homework folders or agenda books
- Newsletters (classroom and PTA)
- Connect 5 calls
- Emails
- Parent – teacher conferences
- Webpages
- Current grades in PowerSchool (Grades 3-5)

Pine Valley Elementary Family-School Compact Kindergarten



Pine Valley is a Title I school in the New Hanover County School System.

To find out more about Title I and Federal Programs now reauthorized as ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) go to:

<https://www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index>

Title I provides federal funding for schools to help students who are behind academically or at risk of falling behind. Funding is based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches. Title I and related federal funding provides:

- Additional teaching positions
- Pre-K classes at some locations
- Professional development for teachers
- School transportation
- Curriculum programs
- Family engagement expenses

We encourage you to be aware of our schools performance under ESSA, participate in our school improvement team and attend our Title I events.

Celebrating every child,
Challenging every learner.
<http://www.nhcs.net/pves/>

Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals

- New Hanover County Schools will achieve 85% proficiency as measured by EOG and EOC test results within the next 3-5 years.

School Goals

- Pine Valley Elementary exceeded growth expectations for the 2017-2018 school year. We will continue to strive for high growth at all grade levels and in all subject levels.

Kindergarten Goals

- Read at a level D by the end of the year.
- Read and write at least 80% of the Kindergarten core words.
- Add and subtract numbers within 5.
- Students will be able to tell personal narratives, write responses to literature, and give their opinion on a topic while using pictures to help support their sentences.

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

In the Classroom

Teachers will work with students and their families to support students' academic success. Some of the main instructional focuses at Pine Valley include

- Using the Daily Five and Café structure to help students grow as readers
- Having students become fluent in addition and subtraction facts to 5 by using a variety of methods
- Using math buckets to gain hands-on learning while implementing Singapore math strategies
- Using hands-on learning and cooperative learning groups in science and social studies
- Exploring and using technology to supplement all learning
- Teaching Foundations to all Kindergarten students to assist with learning letters, sounds, and the conventions of writing

We will get there by...

At Home

- Read every night with your child
- Check folders and help each child complete his homework
- Read the weekly newsletter for important information
- Practice core words each night
- Practice math facts
- Teach your child how to tie his shoes
- Help your child learn his name, address, and phone number

Students

Student pledge: I will ...

- Do my best work
- Let a staff member and my family know if I have questions or need help
- Read on my own and with my family every day
- Work on my math, reading, and other school skills using the materials my teacher sends home
- Write down assignments, be organized, use my time wisely, do my homework every day, turn homework in when it's due, and show my parents my graded assignments
- Be a Top Tiger (be *respectful, responsible, safe, kind, and healthy*)!