

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 1st Grade



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 met 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.

1st Grade Goals

- Students will be reading at Level J or higher by the end of first grade.
- 95% of first graders will score 85% or higher on the school-wide math facts assessment.
- Students will read and write at least 80% of core words independently.

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 foster independence with reading and writing
- Teaching the Foundations structure of language program to all students in grade 1
- Having the students become fluent with addition and subtraction math facts to 10
- Using Singapore Math strategies and manipulatives to help students gain conceptual understanding of mathematics
- Using hands-on materials and technology to assist with science and social studies instruction

We will get there by...

At Home

Teachers work with families to support students' academic success in and outside the classroom. Some ways families of first graders at Pine Valley can support their children include

- Volunteering to come in the classroom to help with reading fluency, sight word practice, and math fact practice
- Reading and following through with teacher recommendations in the weekly newsletters that are sent home
- Playing games at home to build cooperation and thinking skills
- Participating in family nights, such as Family Reading Night
- Being aware of homework assignments and monitoring and assisting child with homework as needed.

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)!