

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 4th Grade Goals

- Students will achieve at least 85% proficiency on basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.
- 80% or more Fourth graders will pass and be proficient on the End of Grade tests in reading and math.
- Students will become more independent and leave fourth grade prepared for fifth grade.

## 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 create independent readers who are able to decode, read fluently, and comprehend what they read
- Whole grade implementation of iready and Education Galaxy
- Using Singapore Math and manipulatives to help give students a conceptual understanding of math
- Incorporating problem solving in math on a daily basis
- Using hands-on materials and technology to assist with science instruction
- Preparing students to perform to the best of their abilities on the EOG tests

We will get there by...

### At Home

- Read daily
- Practice math facts
- Read newsletters
- Visit teacher webpages
- Help keep backpacks clean and organized
- Iready practice
- Education Galaxy resource

### 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*)!