

At Home

1. Encourage Daily Reading

- Set aside 20–30 minutes daily for independent reading or read aloud with your child.
- Discuss the story or ask questions to improve comprehension.
- Visit the library together to explore new books.

2. Support Homework Habits

- Create a quiet, distraction-free area for studying.
- Establish a consistent homework routine.
- Offer help when needed, but encourage independence.

3. Practice Math Skills

- Use everyday situations to practice math (e.g., measuring ingredients, counting money, or telling time).
- Play math-related games
- Practice basic math facts like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division.

4. Communicate Regularly

- Ask about their day and what they're learning in school.
- Celebrate achievements, no matter how small.
- Address challenges together and offer positive reinforcement.

5. Encourage Curiosity and Questions

- Support their interests by exploring topics they're curious about.
- Watch educational videos or visit museums and nature centers.

Communication

- Monthly calendars with events
- School website
- ParentSquare messages
- Positive notes/phone calls home

Fun Family Events!

- Cultural Celebrations
- S.T.E.M. Night
- Family Night
- Owl of the Month Ceremony
- Fundraisers

Walsh School Governance

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Walsh Family - School Compact



We are the Owls of Walsh
and we pledge to
R.E.A.C.H.:

Respect others
Show **Excellence**
Be **Accountable**
Keep our **Community** safe
Be **Honest**



E L E M E N T A R Y
S C H O O L

Mission & Vision

Walsh School promotes academic excellence as well as high behavior expectations. Walsh School provides an environment which respects and values diversity. Students' self-awareness and self-esteem are nurtured, while kindness is embraced. Walsh School creates an environment where students, families, and staff can all learn, through a strong support system, while striving for excellence.

All learners will embrace diversity, accept differences, and set high academic and personal expectations.

Council Information

What is a School Governance Council?

School Governance Councils are an opportunity for Connecticut schools to become centers of excellence that prepare all students for success. They represent the many interests of the families and staff that make up your school's community. This is important because research has shown that:

- Partnerships among families, school and community members can make a powerful contribution to greater student success.
- No matter what their income or background, students with involved families tend to have higher grades and test scores, better attendance, and higher rates of homework completion.

What does the School Governance Council Do?

The School Governance Council serves as an important role to the school administrator by:

- Bringing together parents, school staff, students and community leaders to work together to improve student achievement;
- Assisting the school administration in decisions impacting students' education in areas such as: analyze data and school needs, review the school's resources and advise the principal in making programmatic and operational changes.

Math

Foundational Concepts

- Emphasize number sense, basic operations, and problem-solving strategies through daily lessons and practice.
- Integrate manipulatives like blocks, counters, and visual aids to reinforce abstract concepts.

Data-Driven Instruction

- Use assessments to identify gaps in math understanding and design targeted interventions.
- Provide enrichment opportunities for advanced learners.

Real-World Applications

- Show students how math applies to everyday life (e.g., measuring in science, budgeting in class projects).

Collaborative Learning

- Encourage group activities that allow students to solve problems together and explain their thinking.

Reading

Foundational Concepts

- Practicing letters and sounds
- Reading CVC words (example: cat, mop, etc.), and blends
- Reading advanced spelling words like CVCe, diphthongs, vowel teams, 'r' controlled, and silent letters.

Data-Driven Instruction

- Use assessments to identify gaps in reading understanding and design targeted interventions.
- Provide enrichment opportunities for advanced learners.

Real-World Applications

- Reading non-fiction books about current events, history, food, etc.

Collaborative Learning

- Encourage group activities that allow students to read and practice reading skills together