

## 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 Parent Outreach Facilitator, Jenny Gramling, at Sweetwater Elementary School at (770) 651-4600.

## 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 Reading, Class Conferences, Math, & Science, Attendance Matters and Test Taking Strategies. The Parent ePost is an electronic newsletter that is emailed which 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.

Grades updated in Parent Portal.

Updates will be posted on the school and district websites.

School Website, Facebook, School Messenger, Remind, flyers, and signage are also used.

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# SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2023-2024

## Fourth Grade Focus For Student Success



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## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### Douglas County School System - Title I

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### Sweetwater Elementary School Goals

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### Focus Areas for Fourth Grade

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

- Improving reading comprehension through analysis of literary, informational texts and increased Lexile levels.
- Learning multiplication/division facts and solving word problems.

## 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 4TH GRADE CLASSROOM

The 4th grade team will work with students and families to support student success in reading and math. To promote connections with families, teachers will:

- Establish challenging goals for reading and math.
- Share reading Lexile levels and Read Theory login information with parents.
- Share strategies and online resources with parents for EnVision Math at home.
- Assign homework to reinforce basic multiplication and division facts, computation procedures, and word problem solving. Teachers will share login information for educational programs used in the classroom like Xtramath and iLearn.

### 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:

- Discuss progress toward reading and math goals.
- Ensure that child reads at least 20 minutes each night using strategies taught in class.
- Provide both literary and informative texts and encourage child to read books
- Find opportunities to practice multiplication/division facts with child in everyday activities .
- Supervise homework
- Review multiplication and division facts with child.

### 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:

- Progress monitor through STAR CBM
- Read at least 20 minutes each night.
- Find opportunities to practice multiplication/division facts in real world situations.
- Complete homework daily using resources provided by the teacher. Practice multiplication and division facts.

### 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 4th grade teachers. Email addresses are formatted First Name.Last Name@dcssa.org

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