

Lake Myra Elementary Year Round School (Track 4)

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Family-School Compact Grade 5

WCPSS Goals

Increase Achievement
Inspire Leaders
Impact Lives

Lake Myra Instructional Overview

Daily Learning Includes:

- The 7 Habits-The Leader In Me
- Bloom's Taxonomy and Marzano's Dimensions of Thinking
- Technology Integrated
- Interventions and Digging Deeper Assessments for students below benchmark

Literacy:

- Classroom Leveled Libraries
- Writer's Workshop Framework
- Reader's Workshop-Guided Reading, Learning Stations, Letterland Phonological Awareness/ Phonics-K-2,
- Vocabulary Notebooks-Content

Math

- Problem Solving Emphasis using calculators and manipulatives regularly
- Math Talk
- Math Workshop and Stations
- 8 Mathematical Practices

In The Classroom

As your child's teacher I promise to...

Provide motivating and research based best practices to teach all students.

Provide open communication (folders, conferences, phone calls, emails, and notes)

Provide materials that are relevant, interesting and motivating.

Help parents understand instructional practices, class expectations and grading policies.

Provide a safe, welcoming environment that promotes learning and encourages a partnership with the school.

Provide workshops, newsletters, and information that allow parents to learn how to help their students.

Students: As a student, I promise to...

Complete all classwork and homework assignments using my best effort.

Read nightly and discuss what I read with my parents.

Participate in activities that help me learn at home and school. Ask questions if I need help and help others when I can. Be responsible with materials and equipment.

Take responsibility for my actions and behavior each day.

Show leadership by making good choices and doing what is right.

At Home: As a parent I promise to ...

Schedule a time to complete school related assignments.

Talk with my child daily about his or her school experiences.

Attend conferences, meetings and activities at the school.

Help my child understand and follow SWIM expectations.

Talk about and learn about the 7 Habits to encourage Leadership.

In the 5th grade your child will be learning:

- Summarizing the key details of stories, dramas, poems, and nonfiction materials
- Integrating information from several print and digital sources
- Writing and reporting on opinions with a logical sequence of ideas and sufficient facts and details
- Identifying and judging information that supports particular ideas in an author's argument
- Writing stories that unfold naturally and developing a plot
- Producing writing on the computer
- Adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators and solving word problems
- Multiplying and dividing fractions and solving related word problems
- Generalizing the place-value system to include decimals
- Multiplying whole numbers quickly and accurately and dividing whole numbers
- Understanding the concept of volume, and solving word problems that involve volume
- Graphing points in the coordinate plane to solve problems
- Analyzing mathematical patterns and relationships

Activities to Build Partnerships

A "Leader In Me" School
Grade Level Performances
Read Across America Week
(March)

Purple Thursdays
Fun Run Challenge
PAC Meetings (Parent
Nights)
Family Nights
ROMP Chorus
Recorder Ninjas
First In Fitness
Talent Show
Special Olympics
5th Grade "SWIM UP"
Celebration
Leadership Day

Communication: Student Learning

Lake Myra is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect to communicate with us are:

- Daily/Weekly Folders (depending on grade level)
- Notes From The Teacher (written and email)
- Phone Calls
- Lake Myra Website/Classroom Website
- Interim Reports
- MClass Parent Reports for Literacy
- Report Cards (Quarterly)
- Informal and Formal Parent Conferences
- Student Led Conferences

What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School Compact is an agreement between parents, students and staff. It explains how families and staff members will work together to make sure all students get the support they need to reach grade level standards.

Preparing All Leaders for Their Future

Here are some activities you can do with your child to support Language Arts learning at home:

- Invite your child to read his or her own writing out loud to other family members. Ask questions about your child's word choices and ideas.
- Discuss your family stories and history. Encourage your child to ask relatives questions about their lives. Put the information together in an album or brainstorm different ways to tell family tales, such as poems or short stories.
- Go to a play or musical with your child. Discuss the ways the actors bring the words to life.

Here are some activities you can do with your child to support Math learning at home:

- Create word problems with all four operations using whole numbers and fractions. For example, $2\frac{1}{2}$ of the animals at the zoo are hippos. $\frac{2}{5}$ of the hippos are female. What fraction of the animals at the zoo are male hippos? Solve using a visual model and explain how you figured it out.
- Using length, width, and depth of a garden plot to determine how many bags of garden soil to buy.

**Always follow up with questions "How do you know?" and "Can you prove your answer?"

Working Together "At The Lake"

Parents, students and staff are committed to working together so the Family-School Compact is a working document. It will be posted on the Lake Myra website. Parents are encouraged to make comments and /or offer suggestions throughout the year. The compact will be shared and reviewed yearly based on feedback and collaboration.