

Lake Myra Elementary Year Round School (Track 4)

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Family-School Compact: Grade 1

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.

A sample of what your child will be learning in 1st grade Language Arts:

- Using phonics and word analysis skills to figure out unfamiliar words
- Describing characters, settings and major events in a story using key details
- Getting facts and information from different writings
- Participating in shared research and writing projects
- Taking part in discussions about topics and texts being studied
- Describing people, places, and events with relevant details
- Identifying the correct meaning for a word with multiple meanings

A sample of what your child will be learning in 1st grade Math:

- Understanding what the digits mean in a two-digit number (place value)
- Using understanding of place value to add and subtract
- Solving addition and subtraction word problems using strategies
- Adding with a sum of 20 or less and subtracting from a number 20 or less
- Measuring lengths of objects by using a shorter object as a unit of length
- Making composite shapes by joining shapes together
- Dividing circles and rectangles into halves and fourths
- Compare two two-digit numbers using knowledge of place value.

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:

- Encourage your child to read books to you. Help him or her sound out and use other strategies to figure out difficult words.
- Act out stories together from books, television, or your child's imagination.
- Pick a "word of the day" each day starting with a different letter. Have your child write the word and look for other things beginning with the same letter.
- Visit the library with your child every week. Have your child sign up for a library card.

Here are some activities you can do with your child to support Math learning at home: Create simple word/story problems for your child to solve. Examples could include:

- If you open a new carton of a dozen eggs and use four eggs to cook dinner, how many eggs are left?
- While putting away toys into bins, count the number of toys in two bins and ask your child how many are in one bin compared to the other.
- Play the "I'm thinking of a number" game. For example, "I'm thinking of a number that makes 11 when added to 8. What is my number?"
- "I'm thinking of a number that is 10 more/less than 37. What is my number?"
- Compare 56 and 63. Ask "Which is larger? Which is smaller?"

**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.