

### **A sample of what your child will be learning in Kindergarten Language Arts:**

- Naming upper-and lower-case letters, matching those letters with their sounds, and printing them
- Comparing the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories, such as fairy tales and folktales
- Retelling familiar stories and talking about stories read to them using details from the text
- Using a combination of drawing, dictating, and writing to describe an event, including his or her reaction to what happened
- Stating an opinion or preference about a topic or book in writing (e.g., My favorite book is . . .")
- Taking part in classroom conversations and following rules for discussions (e.g., learning to listen to others and taking turns when speaking)
- Speaking clearly to express thoughts, feelings, and ideas, including descriptions of familiar people, places, things, and events

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

- Go to the public library.
- Keep a journal
- Participate in a family reading time
- Visit a zoo or museum.
- Write about the experience.
- Write letters or emails to family members.
- Play word games.
- Watch educational TV programs

### **A sample of what your child will be learning in Kindergarten Math:**

- Counting objects to tell how many there are
- Comparing two groups of objects to tell which group, if either, has more; comparing two written numbers to tell which is greater
- Acting out addition and subtraction word problems and drawing diagrams to represent them
- Adding with a sum of 10 or less; subtracting from a number 10 or less; and solving addition and subtraction word problems
- Adding and subtracting very small numbers quickly and accurately (e.g.,  $3 + 1$ )
- Correctly naming shapes regardless of orientation or size

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

- Cook together allowing the student to measure out ingredients.
- Talk with the student about everyday problem solving that involves math.
- Help the student count out money when making a purchase.
- Discuss the time of daily routines.
- Play counting games.
- Watch educational TV programs.

## **Barwell Elementary School School/Parent Compact**

### **Kindergarten Focus**



### **For Student Success**

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## What does it mean to be a Title I school?

- The emphasis in a school-wide Title I school is on serving all students. Schoolwide programs maximize the impact of Title I funding in that all students in the school are served as funds are used to improve the entire educational program.

## What is a family/school compact?

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

## Barwell's Goals for student achievement:

- Reading – By June 2015, all students will be reading on at least a level D.
- Math – By June 2015, all students will be on benchmark.

# Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

## In The Classroom – As your child's teacher, I promise to...

- Use the latest research to teach students.
- Provide open communication through folders, conferences, phone calls and notes.
- Establish collaboration with other teachers concerning scheduling/pull-out.
- Help parents understand instructional practices, class expectations, and grading policies.
- Plan meaningful lessons that meet individual student needs.
- Provide a safe school environment that promotes learning and encourages a partnership with the school.
- Employ effective classroom management skills.
- Promote a feeling of belonging for all.

## At Home – As the child's parent/guardian, I promise to...

- Read nightly with my child.
- Help my child with his/her homework.
- Provide an appropriate area for doing homework.
- Engage in activities that encourage learning.
- Provide encouragement and positive reinforcement.
- Talk with my child about his/her school day.
- Attend school activities & parent-teacher conferences.
- Show respect with my words and actions for my child, other children, and their families, the teachers, and the school.
- Communicate and work with the school to encourage my child's learning and positive behavior.
- Ask specific questions to stimulate my child's conversation/oral language skills.
- Ensure regular & prompt attendance.

## Students – As a student, I promise to...

- Complete my homework.
- Read nightly with my parents.
- Participate in activities that help me learn.
- Participate in classroom activities.
- Ask questions when I need help.
- Help others.
- Be at school on time and regularly.
- Be responsible with my books, folders and school supplies.
- Be responsible for my actions and behavior each day.
- Be a good citizen by doing what is right because it is the right thing to do for myself and others.