

Lake Myra Elementary Year Round School (Track 4)

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Family-School Compact Kindergarten

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 Kindergarten your child will be learning:

- Naming upper-and-lower case letters, matching those letters with their sounds, and printing them
- Retelling familiar stories using details
- Using drawing, dictating, and writing to describe an event
- Stating an opinion about a topic or book
- Taking part in classroom discussions
- Speaking clearly to express thoughts, feeling, or ideas
- Asking and answering questions about key details in stories
- Learning to recognize, spell, and properly use grammatical words that hold language together
- Counting objects to tell how many there are
- Comparing two groups of objects to tell which group 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 and subtracting from a number of 10 or less
- Solving addition and subtraction word problems
- Correctly naming shapes regardless of orientation or size

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:

- Read with your child every day. Ask your child to explain his or her favorite parts of the story. Share your own ideas.
- Encourage your child to tell you about his or her day at school.
- Keep paper, markers, or crayons around the house for your child to write letters or words or draw a picture about his or her day. Have your child describe the picture to you.
- Play word games like *I Spy*, sing songs like *Itsy Bitsy Spider*, and make silly rhymes together.

Here are some activities you can do with your child to support Math learning at home: Create simple word problems/stories and have your child solve using objects, pictures, or acting it out. For example, "I placed 3 forks on the table. You placed 4 forks on the table. How many forks are on the table?"

- Play "Write the next number." You write a number within 20, and your child writes the next number.
- Ask your child questions that require counting as many as 20 things. For example, ask, "How many books do you have about wild animals?"
- Ask your child questions that require comparing numbers within 10. "Who is wearing more bracelets, you or your sister?"**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.