

POPLAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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2017-18 School-Parent Compact

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact is an agreement that families, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how families and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- *link goals to the School Improvement Plan;
- *focus on student learning skills;
- *describe how teachers will help students develop skills using high-quality instruction;
- *share strategies families can use at home; and
- *explain how teachers and families will communicate about student progress.

Jointly Developed

The families, students, and staff of Poplar Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, families added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings and events are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student and family needs.

Families are welcome to contribute comments and suggestions at any time.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Susan Smith at Ssmith@poplar.org or 615 555-1212.

Building Partnerships

3rd Thursday Family Fun Learning Nights!

Join us for our "Go for the Gold" Night, the third Thursday of September (5:30-7:00PM)

- *Help your child become a "Gold" Medalist! You and your student will learn how to set 2-3 student learning goals and ways to achieve them.
- *Enjoy GAME TIME with your child, exploring free home learning kits designed to support your child's learning goals. Gold medals and pizza provided!

MORE FAMILY FUN LEARNING NIGHTS:

3rd Thursdays in October, January, March, May'

Detailed information will be sent home and posted on our website: www.poplarschool.org

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Communication About Student Learning

Poplar Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- *Weekly homework folders
- *Monthly "check-in" notes or phone calls
- *Updates on the school website and current grades in PowerSchool
- *Class meetings on understanding student progress
- *Parent-teacher conferences in November and March

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone (615 555-1212) or email. Email addresses are listed on the school website at: www.poplarschool.org



4th Grade Focus for Student Success

District Goals

The Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district goals for 2017-18 are:

Reading - All students will show a 15% increase in reading proficiency on TNReady.

Math - All students will show a 15% increase in mathematics proficiency on TNReady.

Poplar Elementary School Goals

Poplar administrators and teachers have studied our student achievement data to determine the most important areas for improvement for our school.

Reading - To increase reading proficiency from 55% to 70%, our school will concentrate on the following areas:

- * Vocabulary development in grades K-4
- * Making text connections in grades 5-6

Math - To increase math proficiency from 67% to 82%, our school will concentrate on the following area:

- * Place value and estimation in grades K-6

Teachers, families, students –Together for success

In the 4th Grade Classroom

The 4th grade classroom will work with students and families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

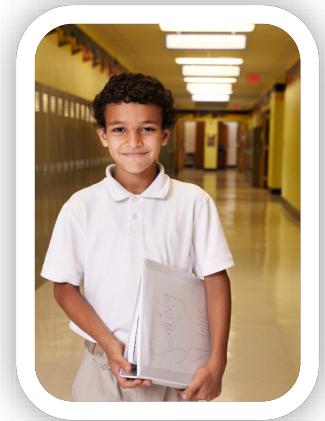
- * Provide families with a home learning kit full of fun materials dealing with estimation and place value.'
- * Offer 4 free Family Fun Nights per year in our Parent Academy, ' concentrating on estimation and problem solving strategies.'
- * Our monthly newsletter will feature games that families can play to review vocabulary words we have introduced ' in our classroom.
- * Our class web page has links to family friendly web sites for building vocabulary and math skills.'

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At Home

Poplar School families joined staff to develop ' ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math. Families ' may have other ideas to add to this list.'

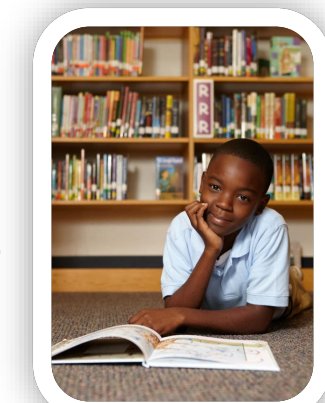
- * Have fun with math. Use materials ' in the math kit to explore math at ' home.
- * Try to attend Family Fun Nights or get ' information from my child's teachers if ' we can't attend.'
- * Play word games with the new vocabulary words and find ways to use these ' words in family conversations.'
- * Look for the class newsletter each month ' and check out the school's website: ['](http://www.poplarschool.org)



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Poplar Elementary School Students

Poplar School students joined staff and families to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in math and reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- * Talk with my family about new vocabulary words and what I am learning in math.
- * Bring home our class newsletter and invitations for Family Fun Nights.
- * Keep a log of games I play at home to practice new vocabulary words and math.
- * Try to make up my word learning game and share it with the class.