**What is a School-Parent**

**Compact?**

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

Effective Compacts:

* Link to goals of the school improvement plan
* Focus on student learning skills
* Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality in­ struction
* Share strategies parents can use at home
* Explain how teachers and parents will com­ municate about student progress
* Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in the classroom

**Building Partnerships with Family Fun Learning Adventures**

* *Morning Mingle with Moms and Dads­*

*August 15th*

* + *Family Math Night in the Fall*
* *Family Reading Night in the Spring*
  + *Dealing with Bullying-5th grade*
* *Test-Taking and ThinkTest- Taking Bingo*

**Communication About Student Learning**

**4TH Grade Focus For Student Success**

Midland Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with fami­ lies concerning children's learning. Please stay in touch with the school through:

**Jointly Developed**

The parents, students and staff of Midland Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strate­ gies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn.

Meetings are held each year to review the Compact and make changes based on the students needs.

Parents can contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer or participate in the classroom, please contact our principal or Julia Nestor at 304-636-9186.

# + Daily communication in agenda book.

* Updates on the school website and En­ grade.

+ Monthly newsletters

+ Parent-teacher conferences-2 times per year.

+ Test Talks

+ ParentLinks

+ Report Cards, Progress Reports

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**Our Goals for Student Achievement**

District Goal

During the 2014-2015 school year, Randolph County Schools will enhance Pre-K through Grade 12 to improve student achievement in order to show a 2% growth in the all subgroup in Eng­ lish Language Arts and Math so that students are prepared for college and/ or career readiness upon graduation from high school as measured by sum­ mative and formative assessments as well as specific county data.

School Goals

During the 2014-2015 school year, Midland Elementary School will en­ hance Pre-K through Grade 5 pro­ grams to improve student achievement in order to show 2% growth in the all subgroup in English Language Arts and Math so that students are prepared to transition to the next educational level as measured by summative and formative assessments as well as spe­ cific school data.

**"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"**

- **Helen Keller**

**AT HOME**

**In Our 4th Grade Classroom**

The student will:

\*Begin to make more decisions and engage in group decision-making

\*Want to be part of a group

\*Think independently and critically

\*Have empathy

\*Show a strong sense of responsibility

\*Have a greater awareness of fairness

\*Be able to memorize and recite facts, although he may not have a deep understanding of them

\*Increase the amount of detail in drawings

\*Work on research projects

\*Write a structured paragraph with an introductory topic sentence, three supporting details, and a closing sentence that wraps up the main idea of the paragraph

\*Use quotations effectively in writing

\*Use a range of strategies when drawing meaning from text, such as prediction, connections, and inference

\*Correct frequently misused words (e.g. *too*, *to*, *two*; *their*, *they’re*, *there*)

\*Understand more complex cause-and-effect relationships

\*Add and subtract decimals, and compare decimals and fractions

\*Multiply multi-digit numbers by two-digit numbers, understanding the concept of place value

\*Divide larger multi-digit numbers by one-digit numbers, understanding the concept of place value

\*Identify points, lines, rays, and angles in two-dimensional figures

Midland Elementary School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading, writing and math.

Some of our key at home activities will be:

+ Use the agenda book to discuss my child's learning goals and use the teacher's materials to support my child's learning at home.

+ Monitor my child's homework and only as- sist if needed.

+ Read with my child everyday and talk about how the story connects with things that he or she has experienced.

+ Use the math goals and related games or strategies the teacher sends home to sup­ port my child's mathematical development.

+ Find opportunities to write letters, thank you notes, grocery lists, etc. to develop my child's writing skills.



Midland Elementary students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in math, reading and writing. Students thought of the following ideas:

+ Set goals for myself to learn new words and read every day.

+ Write letters and thank-you notes to family and friends.

+ Help make the grocery list and estimate how much the groceries will cost.