

What is a School-Parent Compact?

Our annual school-parent compact offers ways that we can work together to help our students succeed. This compact provides strategies to help connect learning at school and at home.

Effective compacts:

- ◆ Link to academic goals
- ◆ Focus on student learning
- ◆ Includes strategies staff, parents, and students can apply
- ◆ Explains how parents and teachers can communicate
- ◆ How parents can volunteer and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of Ruskin Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning activities, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. An input meeting is held each year to review the compact and make changes based on students needs.

Parents are welcome to contribute at any time.

If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or observe in the classroom, please contact: Julie Augustine at 912 287 2325 or jaugutine@ware.k12.ga.us.

Building Partnerships

Ruskin Elementary will take the following actions to promote partnerships:

- ◆ Fall Open House
- ◆ Grade Level Curriculum Nights to provide engaging interactive activities for parents and students to share in learning.
- ◆ Conduct family engagement workshops/ programs
- ◆ School Website/ Newsletters/ Facebook

Details on specific events will be sent home in weekly folders.

Communication about Student Learning

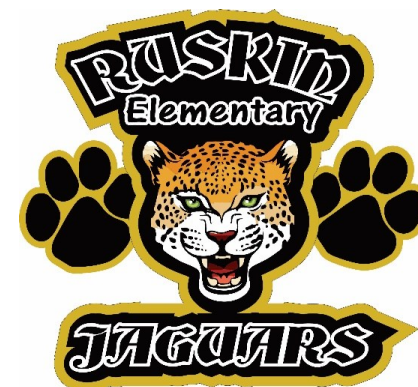
Ruskin Elementary will communicate with parents using a variety of methods. As a school we are committed to working with all parents so all students achieve academic success. Methods of communication may include, but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ Weekly homework folders
- ◆ Phone calls
- ◆ Text messaging/REMIND
- ◆ Flyers and Notices
- ◆ Parent meetings
- ◆ Parent-teacher conferences
- ◆ Progress reports & Report cards
- ◆ School Website
- ◆ School News Letter

Do you have questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher by phone (912-287-2325) or email. E-mail addresses are on the school website at www.ware.k12.ga.us/o/ruskin-elementary-school/staff.

Ruskin Elementary School Grades K –2 Focus for Student Success

School-Parent-Student Compact for Achievement



2019—2020

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**2019 – 2020
District Goals**
Increase academic achievement in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies
3% in proficient and distinguished on Georgia Milestones in FY20.

**2019 - 2020
School Goals**
Our goal is an increase of 5 percentage points of the number of students reading on grade level as indicated in the area of reading status as measured by GMAS Spring assessment.

FOCUS
In grades K-2 our school will focus on the following:
Sight Word Fluency

The school will work with students and families to support students' success in reading and math.

Reading

- ◆ Provide families with a list of sight words and sight word games to practice at home
- ◆ Provide a list of vocabulary words for students to master from fiction and non-fiction texts
- ◆ Provide students with appropriate books to increase Lexile levels, comprehension, and reading fluency

Math

- ◆ Provide families with free apps and websites to practice math facts at home
- ◆ Provide packets to complete at home to reinforce basic math facts
- ◆ Provide a folder with homework assignments and skills sheets to be practiced at home
- ◆ Provide notices and weekly newsletters with information and school events
- ◆ Conduct programs/workshops in order to share classroom strategies with families to help their child achieve academic success
- ◆ Provide multiple opportunities to discuss students' academic achievement through conferences, phone calls, and e-mails

Ruskin Elementary parents will join the 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.

Reading

- ◆ Play word games with sight words and find ways to use these words in family conversations
- ◆ Practice new vocabulary with my child
- ◆ Listen to my child read to help build their reading fluency and comprehension

Math

- ◆ Use the apps and websites my child's teacher provides to practice math facts
- ◆ Work with my child to complete basic math facts worksheets
- ◆ Check my child's folder for homework and skills sheets to make sure my child completes homework and studies for weekly tests
- ◆ Participate in workshops to gain knowledge & skills in order to help my child
- ◆ Read notices and weekly newsletters for information and school events
- ◆ Contact my child's teacher to discuss my child's academic achievement either through conferences, phone calls, and/or e-mails

STUDENTS WILL:

Reading

- ◆ Practice my sight words and play games to increase my use of these words
- ◆ Practice new vocabulary words
- ◆ Read out loud to my parents to improve my reading fluency and comprehension

Math

- ◆ Practice my math facts using the apps and websites my teacher provided
- ◆ Get my parents to check my folder for homework and skills sheets to make sure my assignments are completed and I am prepared for my tests
- ◆ Bring home newsletters and notices about parent workshops and other school events

Attendance—IT IS IMPORTANT!

For students to be academically successful, they **NEED** to be present at school. It is the goal of Ruskin Elementary to work with parents to ensure that **ALL** students are present everyday.

We understand that children get sick and emergencies arise. Please contact your child's teacher and/or school when your child is absent. When your child returns to school, they **MUST** bring a note signed by the parent explaining why they were absent.