

# Teachers, Parents, & Students-Together for Success

## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### Newton County District

**Goal:** Increased Student Achievement

### Middle Ridge Elementary

Middle Ridge administrators and teachers have studied students' performance data to decide the most important areas of improvement for our school.

**Teachers will design lessons that focus on student-centered instruction.**

#### Reading:

Increase reading proficiency by 3% during the 2017-2018 school year as measured by authentic literacy common assessments.

- K-2 decoding skills
- 3-5 decoding skills and comprehension

#### Math:

Increase math proficiency by 3% during the 2017-2018 school year as measured by authentic math common assessments.

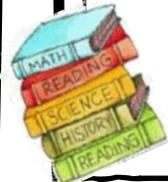
- K-5 number sense



## At School

Middle Ridge teachers, staff, and administrators will work with students and their families to support students' success in literacy and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Provide parents with math and literacy games through a parent resource center that is accessible daily, during parent and family workshops, parent conferences, and the after school program.
- Offer free family fun nights where teachers will model strategies and provide hands-on activities during parent workshops to build parents' knowledge in literacy and mathematics.
- Provide parent and student training on MackenVia to gain single access to interactive online games, ebooks, SKUBES homework support, and other interactive websites to build basic literacy and math skills to use at home.



## At Home

Middle Ridge parents work with staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math. Families may have other ideas to add to the list. Here are a few strategies and activities:

- Check out math and literacy games from the parent resource center after parent and family workshops, parent conferences, or when I pick up my child up from the after school program.
- Attend free family fun nights and utilize the strategies and hands-on activities to help build my child develop skill and knowledge in literacy and mathematics.
- Visit MackenVia to access the free interactive online games, ebooks, SKUBES homework support, and other interactive websites to build basic literacy and math skills.



## Students

Middle Ridge students gave input about how they can succeed in school and achieve the goals that they set in math and reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Play math and literacy games from the parent resource center with my family to help build my literacy and math skills.
- Attend the parent and family workshops to know how to use the hands-on activities to help build my literacy and math skills.
- Visit MackenVia daily, on weekends, and after school to access the free interactive online games, ebooks, SKUBES homework support, and other interactive websites to share with my family the literacy and math skills I learned.

## What is a School-Parent Compact?

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

Effective Compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on students' learning
- Describes how teachers will communicate with parents
- Describes opportunities for parents to volunteer

### *Jointly Developed*

Parents, students, and staff of Middle Ridge developed this School-Parent Compact for achievement. Teachers discussed with students what would help them learn to generate a list of ideas, parents added to the ideas to pinpoint areas of the most concern. Meetings are held each year to review the ideas on the compact and make changes based on the needs of parents and students.

***Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.***

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## Activities to Build Partnerships

*Parents are encouraged to volunteer anytime during the school year.*

- \* Annual Title I Parent and Family Orientation Meeting, & Curriculum Night August 10, 2017
- \* Literacy Night October 19, 2017
- \* Snack and Learn 2017-18 (TBD)
- \* Math Night March 7, 2018
- \* Revision & Development meeting May 7, 2018
- \* Parent Teacher Conferences in September and February



### Communication about Student Learning

Middle Ridge Elementary is committed to maintaining parent partnership in our students' learning. Some of the ways teachers contact parents are:

- Thursday Folders
  - Agendas/Calendars
  - School Website
  - Parent-teacher conferences in September and February
  - Newsletters and flyers
  - Phone calls or notes from the teacher
  - Infinite Campus/Progress Reports
- Contact MRE for volunteering and observation opportunities.**

## School-Parent Compact for Achievement

2017-2018

### Focus for Student Success



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