

GES Title I Tips

A Family Resource Newsletter

Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success



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Family-School Compacts

Our 2020-2021 Family-School Compacts for Achievement were sent home at the first of this month. These grade-level specific documents serve as an agreement between teachers, students, and families for the entire school year. The compacts outline how teachers, students, and families will work together to make certain that all of our students achieve grade-level standards. Each year our Compacts are jointly developed through grade-level meetings with teachers and students, and with parent feedback through the Fall Survey and at our Fall Parent Advisory Council meeting, where we vote to approve our yearly changes. However this year we extended the 2019-2020 Compact through the 2020-2021 school year due to increased health and safety measures. I encourage you to refer to your child's Compact to learn more how our school is striving to meet our annual goals, how you can use specific strategies at home to help your student succeed, how to best communicate with your child's teacher, and what your child can do at home to ensure they are staying on task in the classroom.

Signature sheets went home along with the Compacts and those who return them by Friday, October 30th will receive a special treat! **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE 100% PARTICIPATION!** Please help your child earn this reward by signing and returning this important document.

Sincerely,
Marissa Watson

Feedback is always greatly appreciated and will be gathered throughout the year, so please feel free to contribute at any time by contacting me or by filling out the Parent Input form located on the GES website.

Mark Your Calendars

*Important Dates & Events
You Don't Want to Miss!*

- **Oct. 1-30** - Family-School Compacts go home
- **Oct. 5** - PTO Meeting 6pm
- **Oct. 7** - Picture Retakes & Digital Student Picture Day
- **Oct. 12-16** - Fall Break
- **Oct. 21** - End of the 9 weeks
- October 19-23 - Fall PAC virtual meeting
- **Oct. 23** - PTO Box Top Collection
- **Oct. 27** - Digital student picture retakes
- **Oct. 29** - Report card go home

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Title I Interpreted - How & when can parents request a meeting? Parents are always welcome and have the right to contact the school and request a meeting at any time. Please contact Mrs. Sholl, Marissa Watson, or your child's teacher by phone, email, or written note to request a meeting or provide input.

Home & School CONNECTION®

Working Together for School Success

GES Teachers are highly qualified. Parents have the right to request teacher and paraprofessional qualifications. For more information, please contact the school office.

Homework success

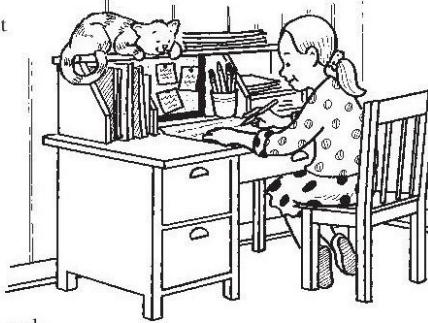
Which homework assignment should your youngster tackle first? How can she make sure she follows the directions? Suggest these strategies that will help her do her best at homework time.

Start smart

Before your child digs into the day's homework, have her rank her assignments from easiest to hardest. She may want to do the hardest work first while her mind is fresh. Or perhaps she'd prefer to get an easier assignment out of the way first to give her a sense of accomplishment.

Read the instructions

Paying careful attention to directions can help your youngster complete assignments correctly. For instance, the instructions might say to write explanations or draw pictures to show her thinking in solving math problems. Also, tell her that if she doesn't understand the directions, it's okay to ask for help. Offer to read them with her, or she could call a friend.



Take breaks

Short breaks will help your child stay focused. Between assignments or subjects, let her set a timer for 10 minutes. She can stretch, snuggle with the cat, or dance to music until the timer goes off, then get back to work.

Review work

As your youngster finishes each assignment, have her check it over before putting it away or sending it electronically. Is her name on her paper? Did she skip any parts? Do all answers make sense? Once she's satisfied, she should put her paper in her backpack or hit "send."♥



YOU ARE INVITED!

GES Title I
Fall Parent Advisory Council
Virtual Meeting
October 19-23

Please join us in reviewing the results of the Title I Fall Survey, the school goals, school improvement plan, Title I budget, the Family-School Compacts, and have the opportunity to provide feedback!

Please scan the QR code to view the Fall PAC meeting or visit the school website October 19-23.



Documents have been sent home with your student and are available on the school website under the Title I Section. Please be sure to complete the online evaluation at the end of the presentation.

Thank you!
GES Title I

Volunteer News

Volunteer Opportunities

Due to continued safety measures, parent volunteers are not currently allowed in the building, but we still need your help! **If you would like to offer your help with projects that can be worked on at home**, please contact your child's teacher or Marissa Watson at mwatson.ges@catoosa.k12.ga.us. We will keep you posted if safety measures change in the future!

IMPORTANT INFO

Please sign-up for the Title I Parent & Family Engagement Remind. On your smartphone, text @6e7794 to 81010 or enter @6e7794 into the app.

This will be used throughout the year to communicate volunteer opportunities and Title I Events!