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| **What is a school compact?**A school parent compact is an agreement that families,students, and teachers develop together. It explains how families and teachers work together to make sure ALL students reach grade level standards.Effective Compacts:* Link goals to 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
* Explain how teachers and families will communicate about student progress
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| **Jointly Developed**The families, students, and staff of Alderman Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact. Teachers suggested home learning activities, 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 needs.**Families are welcome to contribute comments and suggestions at any time.** |
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| **Building Partnerships**Join us for our Title 1 Family Engagement Events!September 28, 2021 Annual Title 1 Night and Family PortraitsNovember 9, 2021 Fall Family Math NightsFebruary 10, 2022 Student Led ConferencesApril 12, 2022 Spring Family Math Night |
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| **Communication About Student Learning**Alderman Elementary is committed to frequent, two way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:* Blue Communication Folders
* Check In through Class Dojo and Phone Calls
* Updates to our class webpage and PowerSchool grades (3-5)
* Parent Teacher Conferences
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| **Our Goals for Student Achievement** | **Teachers, Families, Students – Together for Success** |
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| **District Goals**New Hanover County Schools has set district goals for 2021-2022. These are:* To increase school performance grade by one letter grade
* Increase student proficiency by 10 percentage points as measured by end of grade Reading, Math, and Science testing

**School Goals**To increase Reading, Math, and Science proficiency, Alderman Elementary will focus on: * accelerating learning through vocabulary development
* providing rigorous on-grade level instruction using district-provided curriculum

Alderman has chosen specifically to increase math proficiency by:* promoting flexible thinking
* encouraging students to engage in conversations about math and problem-solving
* utilizing concrete, pictorial, and abstract models to aid in students' math development.
 | **In the Classroom**The kindergarten classrooms will work with students and families to support students’ success in reading and more specifically math. Some of our key **connections with families** will be:* Our class webpage has links to family friendly websites to build math skills
* Parent resources included in newsletters to help adults follow along with what we are learning in the classroom
* Teachers will provide exciting ways to practice kindergarten words at home
 | **At Home**Alderman school families joined staff to develop ideas about how to support students' success in reading, math and science. Reading:* read nightly with and to students
* ask questions about what they are reading and discuss books
* practice letters and sounds
* practice spelling words
* take students to the library and get a library card
* finds apps or websites to use to practice reading skills
* play I Spy with colors, beginning sounds, letters, sight words
* Memory games

Math: * practice writing numbers
* practice counting in fun ways like Hide and Go Seek, at the grocery store, or when playing with toys
* playing games like Candy Land or Chutes and Ladders
* practice adding things you see as you drive
 | **Students**Alderman students can SOAR in math outside of the classroom! Here are some ideas to make Math connections between school and home: * Count objects at home or in the car
* Count as high you can
* Look for numbers
* Play games with dice
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