

GES Title I Tips

A Family Resource Newsletter

Parent & Family Engagement = Student Success



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School-Family Compacts

Our 2021-2022 School-Family Compacts for Achievement are sent home following their approval at the Fall PAC Meeting. 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. 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 are sent home along with the Compacts and those who return them by Friday, October 29th 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. 5-29** - Family-School Compacts go home
- **Oct. 11-15** - Fall Break
- **Oct. 18** - School Picture Day
- **Oct. 19-20** - PBIS Field Trips
- **Oct. 26** - 1st Semester FAST Meeting online

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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.

Family Engagement Focus



Parents are a child's first teacher!

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

Setting Expectations

How you tell your child what you expect of them will go a long way toward turning your expectations into their reality. Here are three techniques you can use:

1. **Show Understanding:** For example, you could say, "I know you want to play, but it is time to study for your spelling test. You can return to playing once you have practiced your words".
2. **Give Choices:** Your child may do what is expected if they feel like they are getting to decide. Ask them, "Do you plan to practice math facts before or after dinner?"
3. **Look Toward the Future:** Help your child tie your expectation toward their goals. Does your child dream of becoming a veterinarian? Try explaining to them that, "When you grow up, you will need to be organized so that know where your medical instruments are when working with animals."



YOU ARE INVITED! 1st Semester F.A.S.T. Meeting

Please join us for our 1st Semester F.A.S.T. Meeting. F.A.S.T. stands for Family Academic Support Team and is a partnership between our school, our families, and our students to increase student achievement.

Please scan the QR code to view the 1st Semester F.A.S.T. Meeting or visit the school website October on October 26th.



Documents will be sent home with your student and available on the school website under the Title I Meeting and Events section. Please be sure to complete the online evaluation at the end of the meeting.

Thank you!
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Volunteer News

Volunteer Opportunities

Due to continued safety measures, parent volunteers are restricted and must be approved by Mrs. Sholl. However, we still need your help! **If you would like to offer to 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 @gestitle-1 to 81010 or enter @gestitle-1 into the app. This will be used throughout the year to communicate volunteer opportunities and Title I Events!