

## Communication About Your Child's Learning

Summit Elementary is committed to communicating regularly with families about students' learning. Some of the ways parents can expect us to communicate are:

- Detailed report cards every 9 weeks.
- School and classroom newsletters
- Weekly folder
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Classroom and School Social Media Accounts: Facebook and Twitter
- Automated school message system

## Family Programs and Events

- Beginning of year Open House
- Two Family Learning Programs focused on reading or math.
- Summit Family Share: Classroom observation several times during the school year.
- Summit Science Spectacular
- Music Programs throughout the school year.
- PTO Events including School Carnival.

## What is the School-Family Compact?

A School-Family Compact is a pledge that parents and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

The Compact is reviewed at a spring PTO meeting each year.

**Your suggestions are welcome anytime!**

## Summit Elementary School-Family Compact 2018-2019



Where the Stars Always Shine!

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## Summit Elementary

Summit Elementary is filled with enthusiastic students willing to learn, supportive families interested in their children's education, and a dedicated professional staff committed to providing the students with the highest quality education. At Summit we strive to provide a rigorous, standards based curriculum focused on students and their individual needs. We believe in educating the whole child focusing on academic, social, and emotional growth.

We create a safe environment where respect, integrity, and caring are continually taught and modeled. We focus on creating an atmosphere where everyone shows respect for differences in other people, customs, and cultures.

**Nick McGinnis, Principal**

### Instructional Materials that Support Summit's Curriculum

**Reading/Writing:** Benchmark Literacy, Grades K-6.

**Mathematics:** Bridges Math K-5. Connected Math Project 3, Grades 6-8

**Social Studies:** *SY18-19 materials are currently under review. (May 2108)*

**Science:** Full Option Science System (FOSS), Grades K-5 plus contributing materials from other publishers. SEPUP (Science for Public Understanding), Grade 6

**Common Sense Media's Digital Citizenship Curriculum:** Empowers students to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly in our digital world.

## Teachers, Parents, Students - Working Together Leads to Success

### At School

**Summit teachers, administrators, and staff partner with students and their families in order to strengthen students' academic and social skills. School staff will:**

- Provide daily, targeted support for students in reading and/or math.
- Ensure students understand assignments and inform parents of important deadlines.
- Communicate frequently with parents/guardians about student progress via phone, text, email, and other means
- Provide opportunities to volunteer and observe classroom instruction. Summit Family Share provides parents the opportunity to observe classroom instruction several times a year.
- Schedule Family Learning Programs that focus on community building while providing parents/guardians strategies and materials to help with reading and math at home.
- Hold Parent Teacher Conferences during the Fall Semester, and when requested by teacher or parent.

### At Home

**Summit parents and guardians partner with teachers, administrators, and staff to reinforce student learning at school and at home. Parents and guardians will:**

- Make sure their children attend school every day. When a child is absent they miss important instructional time that can be difficult to make up.
- Immediately contact school with concerns about a child's academic and/or social-emotional well being.
- Show children that they think school is important by reading together, volunteering, and attending school programs and events.
- Talk with children about school; asking questions that encourage conversation rather than yes or no answers.
- Help with homework and projects when appropriate. Provide enrichment activities that encourage active play and learning.

### Summit students will:

- Talk with their parents, teachers or other trusted adults if confused or worried about school or friendships.
- Read for a while everyday.
- Listen carefully in class and ask for help if they do not understand class work, homework or project assignments.
- Bring home school/class newsletters and flyers about future programs at school.