

Our Goals for Student Achievement

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District Goals

The Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district goals for 2010-2012 are:

- Reading - all students will show a 15% increase in reading proficiency on the Connecticut Mastery Test.
- Math - all students will show a 15% increase in mathematics proficiency on the Connecticut Mastery Test.

Nutmeg School Goals

Nutmeg administrators and teachers have studied our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school.

Reading – To increase reading proficiency by 15% over three years, our school will concentrate on the following areas:

- *Vocabulary development in grades K-4*
- *Making text connections in grades 5-6*

Math – To increase math proficiency by 15% over three years our school will concentrate on the following areas:

- *Place value and estimation in grades K-6.*

When teachers, students and families work together, we CAN achieve our goals!

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

In The 4th Grade Classroom

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The 4th grade team will work with students and their families to develop students' mathematical understanding. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Provide parents with a home learning kit full of fun materials dealing with estimation and place value.
- Offer three Family Fun nights a year in our Parent Academy, concentrating on estimation and problem solving strategies.
- Our monthly newsletter will feature games that families can play to review the vocabulary words we have introduced in our classroom.
- Our class web page has links to family friendly web sites for building vocabulary and building math skills.

At Home

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Nutmeg School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' mathematical understanding. Families may have other ideas to add to the list.

- Have fun with math. Use materials in the math kit to explore math at home.
- Try to attend Family Fun nights or get information from the PTO or my child's teacher if we can't attend.
- Play word games with the new vocabulary words and find ways to use these words in family conversations.
- Look for the class newsletter each month and check out the school web site.

Nutmeg Students

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Nutmeg School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in math and reading.

- Talk with my family about new vocabulary words and what I am learning in math.
- Bring home our class newsletter and notices about Family Fun nights.
- Keep a log games I play at home to practice new vocabulary words and math.
- Try to make up my own learning game and share it with the class.

**Family Fun Nights are a great place to learn new words, practice math – and win prizes!
(see the back of this brochure for more information)**

What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students 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.

Effective Compacts:

- ✓ **Begin** with standards
- ✓ **Focus** on student learning
- ✓ **Respond** to school data
- ✓ **Define** everyone's responsibilities -- and
- ✓ **Depend** on us to believe in it and use it!

Jointly Developed

The parents and staff of Nutmeg Elementary School developed this Family-School Compact for Achievement. Parents created the suggestions for home activities to support learning. School-wide meetings are held each year to review the Compact.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

For more information on the 4th Grade Compact please contact the team leaders, Ella Henderson (parent) and Dave Griswold (teacher) at 860-555-1212.

Family Fun Nights

We'll have 4 exciting learning adventures this year – Fun, games and prizes.

Join us for the Math Safari in October. Safari gear and refreshments provided.

Our other adventures will happen in December, February and April.

More information will be sent home.

Communication about Student Learning

Nutmeg Elementary School is committed to communicating regularly with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- Weekly homework folders
- Monthly "check-in" notes
- Parent-teacher conferences in November and March

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Parents can contact their child's teacher by phone (860-555-1212) or email. Email addresses are on the school web site at www.nutmegschool.org.

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4th Grade Focus



for Student Success

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