Families are encouraged to contribute comments or suggestions at any time. If you would like to volunteer or participate in the school environment please contact your teacher, school office or Family Involvement Coordinator, Karen Hudson, at 731-584-5511. Translator is available upon request.

The compact was approved by the Parent Advisory Committee on 5/11/20.

Briarwood students joined with the staff during guidance class to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and make great accomplishments in math & reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

1. Tell my parents something I read in class today.
2. Make two piles of coins. Find the pile with the greatest value.
3. Practice telling people what time it is at least twice a day.
5. Read and write notes, write a letter and mail it, or read an article in the paper.
6. Play a board game or card game. Read directions aloud.
7. Use legos to practice area and perimeter.

Tests students at Briarwood will be scheduled to take this year as mandated by the state or local government:

Benchmark testing every nine weeks in Reading, Math & Writing

Common Formative Assessments (CFA) in Math, English/Language Arts, and Writing in the fall and spring

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We are committed to frequent two-way communication with families about students learning and behavior. Some of the ways we will communicate are:

- weekly folders
- notes or phone calls
- school calendar
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- teacher newsletters
- study buddy
- BCOS App
- email
- REMIND App
- Updates on school website, local radio, newspaper & social media

Jointly Developed - The families, students, and staff at Briarwood Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, 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 and family needs. The Compact will be approved at the last Parent Advisory Committee meeting in April.

Our family engagement standards provide a framework for how families, schools, and communities can work together to support student success. The standards include welcoming all families, communicating effectively, supporting student success, speaking up for every child, sharing power, and collaborating with community.

P - Positive Attitude  A - Act Responsibly  W - Work Together

Briarwood teachers/staff members reward students for positive behavior with PAWS. Students can collect the paws and trade them in for incentives. There is POWER in the PAW!

PAWS for Kindness: It’s cool to be kind! Briarwood teachers/staff members are continually looking to catch students being kind. Kind students are added to the “PAWS” for Kindness bulletin board, and those students receive a PAWSITIVELY AWESOME pencil and a postcard in the mail from administration.

Keep the kindness going! Character Counts!
Our Goals for Student Achievement

The Board of Education set goals for the entire district.

School Goals

Our school administration and teachers have studied the student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. Our goals align with the district goals and are as follows:

Increase Reading / Language Arts proficiency

Increase the number of students who are on-track and mastered and decrease those students who are approaching or below in RLA.

Numeracy Achievement Improvements

Increase the number of students who are on-track and mastered and decrease those students who are approaching or below in math.

College and Career Ready Students

Students will learn critical thinking skills that will assist them in the classroom today as well as in the future.

Grade level meetings are focused on aligning instruction with state standards. Teachers & students also have data chats.

My goals as a student at Briarwood

Math - ___________________________________

Reading - ________________________________

Writing - ________________________________

My teacher can help me by_____________________

My family can help me by_____________________

I can help myself by ________________________

Teachers, Families, Students

Let's Be Better Together

PARENT ORIENTATION

During Parent Orientation, your child’s teacher will discuss ways in which families and school staff can work together to ensure respect & responsibility are valued.

CHARACTER COUNTS

All students will be exposed to the six character traits that help our school be a positive experience for all students and staff. Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring & Citizenship. Use these words at home.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

School Attendance is a priority. We expect students to be on time. Communication concerning attendance is important. Notes should be turned in promptly. Always give the office new phone numbers and addresses.

PTO

Briarwood School has monthly Parent Teacher Organization meetings at 6:00 p.m. to discuss school events & sometimes watch class performances.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Our school welcomes you to be a member of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). It meets three times a year to discuss a wide variety of academic components.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home every nine weeks & interim reports mid 9 weeks. The report should be returned with a signature and conversation is encouraged.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Some school events are book fairs, class musicals, career day, grandparents’ night, lunch visitors, field trips, awards day, and field day.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

We have a wide variety of community services and support. Please see our Family & Community Involvement Plan in your school handbook which is updated yearly.

Useful websites for students and families other than these listed can be found in the District Parent Handbook—Family Engagement Section

www.lexialearning.com Reading in a game-like environment Tiered Intervention for reading

Renaissance Home Connect / Accelerated Reader

https://hosted6.renlearn.com/373877/HomeConnect

Login in with student's username and password Get emails & see student reading reports

FREE Homework Hotline 615-298-6636

www.homeworkhotline.info

www.brainpop.com Animated Educational Site for Kids

www.ixl.com Immediate Feedback - Standards-based Learning