

Russell Elementary School

Grade Level:

Grade K
Grade 1
Grade 2
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 5

School Year:

2022-2023

Date:

November 2022



Forward Thinking, High Achieving.

Missoula County Public Schools

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WHAT IS A SCHOOL COMPACT

A school compact is a written agreement between a school, its families and students. The compact offers ways that we can work together to help our students succeed. This compact provides strategies to help connect learning at school and at home.

We will work together to create strategies to assist our students with meeting their full potential. These strategies become the compact that we all sign as an agreement by all who are involved in your student's education.

WAYS TO CONNECT

The staff at Russell Elementary School are here for you. We are happy to check in with you on the playground after school. If you would like to set up a meeting with your child's teacher, please call or email at any time.

Collaboration between home and school is the key to every child's success! Join us for parent-teacher conferences the weeks of November 7th and March 13th. Be on the lookout for invitations from Russell Elementary School to everything from our Bingo nights to musical performances, House Assemblies to parent-information nights.

MCPS DISTRICT GOALS

- 96% cohort graduation rate.
- 5% increase on reading proficiency at each grade level on the annual English Language Arts Smarter Balanced Assessment.
- Multi-tiered systems of support implemented in each school.
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics - known as STEAM - education K-12.
- Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards are embedded in instructional delivery.

Important Dates

September 8th: Open House/Barbecue
October 18th: Annual Walkathon
November 4th: Bingo Night/Start of Book Fair
November 7th: Fall Conference Week
December 15th: Movie Night

January 11th: Breakfast with the Principal
February 13th: No School
March 13th: Spring Conference Week
March 20th: Spring Break Week
June 9th: Half Day/Summer Dismissal

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Teaming up for Success:

Parents, Students and the School

Russell Goals:

In the 2022-23 School Year

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

The teacher will:

- Establish an engaging Daily 5 framework that promotes literacy independence and student choice.
- Implement an integrated daily reading and writing resource that utilizes authentic literary and informational texts for all learners.
- Administer a formative reading assessment, IRLA, to deliver specific actionable instruction around student reading behaviors.

The parents will:

- Support reading by providing a consistent time and place for the student's independent reading.
- Seek opportunities to ask the student about their learning, ensuring a personal connection to the reading text.

The student will:

- Engage with authentic text by applying close reading skills and transferring these skills into their writing.
- Discuss the texts through engaging learning structures to promote higher level comprehension and connections to text.

MATH

The teacher will:

- Use research-based instructional strategies to engage students in higher level computational and problem-solving skills.
- Directly teach and assess mathematical practice standards within each daily math lesson.

The parents will:

- Provide a consistent time and place for the student's independent math practice.
- Find opportunities for students to connect mathematical concepts within the world around them.

The student will:

- Closely analyze mathematical problems by using mathematical practice standards, which include problem-solving and quantitative reasoning.
- Use mathematical practice standards to share and criticize different solutions to grade level math problems.

SCHOOL CULTURE

The teacher will:

- Create a safe and nurturing environment and directly teach positive school behavior expectations.
- Establish positive relationships with each student.

The parents will:

- Reinforce the positive school behavior expectations at home.
- Engage and provide feedback to the school informally and on the My Voice survey.

The student will:

- Attend school regularly
- Demonstrate safe, responsible and respectful behaviors with everyone at school.

WE WILL ACHIEVE:

English Language Arts

- 80% of all grade levels will be at benchmark as measured by STAR in the Spring Benchmark assessment.

Math

- 80% of all grade levels will be at benchmark as measured by STAR in the Spring Benchmark assessment.

School Culture

- We will foster a sense of belonging through classroom community circles and House meetings and celebrations.