

## 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 our students reach or exceed grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- link to school goals and focus on student learning skills.
- describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction.
- share strategies parents can use at home.
- explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress.
- describe opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in the classroom.

## Jointly Developed

The parents, students and staff of Snowshoe Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for providing positive behavioral supports, extended learning and increased parent engagement. Meetings are held each year in September to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs.

**Parents can contribute comments any time.**

## Building Partnerships

If you would like to volunteer, participate, and or observe in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher.

## Snowshoe Trailblazers' Guidelines for Success

- I will RESPECT myself and others.
- I will come to school PREPARED to learn.
- I will be RESPONSIBLE for my choices and actions.
- I will have the COURAGE to do my best today.

## What to Expect in First Grade

- Journeys Reading Curriculum
- Go Math Curriculum
- Balance and Motion, Weather and Plants Science Units
- Step Up to Writing
- Second Step
- Family Nights
- Movie Nights
- Field Trips
- Field Day
- Awards Assemblies
- Music Program

## Communicating Student Learning

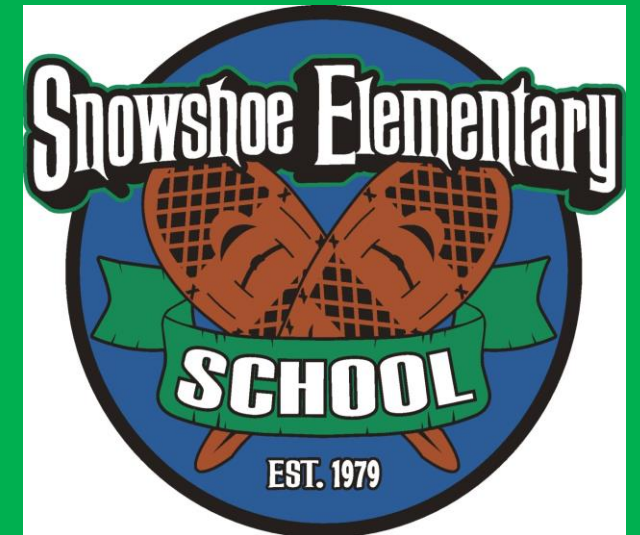
Snowshoe Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families their child's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- **Homework Folders**
- **Newsletter for current events**
- **Updated webpages**
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences in October and February**
- **Phone calls, emails, notes, etc.**

Feel free to contact your child's teacher by phone (352-9500) or email. Email addresses are on the school website at [www.matsuk12.us/sse](http://www.matsuk12.us/sse).

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## First Grade Expectations for Student Success



Snowshoe Elementary School  
Katherine Ellsworth, Principal

# Teachers, Students, Parents – Together for Success

## Classroom

The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade team will work with students and their families to support students' success in academic and social areas.

To be successful, teachers will:

- Implement District curricula which are aligned with Alaska State Standards
- Teach reading strategies
- Monitor student progress
- Send home weekly communication letters, student work, and at home connections
- Develop and implement a Social Contract for expectations
- Teach routines and procedures
- Foster social skills, using the Trailblazers Guidelines for Success and Second Step

## Students

Snowshoe students worked with staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school.

To be successful, students will:

- Participate and listen during lessons
- Actively participate in daily reading
- Do their best on unit programs and district assessments
- Complete and return Math and Reading homework
- Follow the Trailblazers Guidelines for Success and Second Step

## Home

Snowshoe parents worked with staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in academic and social areas.

To be successful, parents will:

- Be responsible for regular school attendance
- Listen to and/or read daily with your child
- Encourage students to always do his/her best
- Assist and check your child's homework
- Discuss daily learning with your child

## School Goals for Student Improvement:

Students scoring at or above the 40% on the MAP in Reading will increase by 5%

Students scoring at or above the 40% on the MAP in Math will increase by 5%

Student conflict will decrease by 5%

Parent Engagement will increase by 10%