HELPING MY CHILD
AT HOME
West Buncombe’s parents offer ideas to support student success. These are really strategies that our parents have shared!

Keeping in the loop...
♦ I make sure to always check my child’s daily homework folder.
♦ I return important forms as soon as possible.

Communicating with teachers...
♦ I provide the school with current family and emergency contact phone numbers.
♦ I maintain open and positive communication with my child’s teachers.
♦ I make it a priority to attend scheduled parent/teacher conferences.
♦ I review my child’s progress report and follow up with the teacher.

Helping my child at home...
♦ I recognize that I am my child’s first teacher.
♦ I establish a homework routine with my child (scheduled time and place), and make sure the homework is complete, neat, and thoughtfully done.
♦ My child READS every night.
♦ I READ TO our child on a regular basis.
♦ I make sure he has resources at home that encourage learning.
♦ We TALK together about what my child reads.

Never stop learning myself...
♦ I attend educational workshops at school to learn about additional ways that I can support my child’s learning.

Setting standards for my child...
♦ I encourage my child to be independent.
♦ I let my child know that it’s important to DO her best and BE her best.
♦ I praise my child for jobs well done.

Things as a parent I know, but are good to keep in mind...
♦ Display wonderful work on the refrigerator.
♦ Encourage questions and curiosity.
♦ Be a good listener.
♦ I am interactive in our child’s learning by talking about his school experiences.
♦ I share about things that I learn day to day.
♦ Seek educational opportunities for my child.
♦ It’s important to participate as a family in activities where we are learning new things together.

MY FIRST GRADE
STUDENT PLEDGE

SAFE
Follow school wide safety rules.
Report if I see bullying to an adult that I trust.
Report if I don’t feel safe or respected to an adult that I trust.

OPTIMISTIC
Keep a positive attitude.
Be curious.
Talk with my family about the great things I am learning in school.

ACCOUNTABLE
Pay attention.
ACTIVELY participate.
Ask questions when I don’t understand.
Be thoughtful and neat in doing my work, so that I can be proud of what I turn in.
Be responsible for working with my family and my teachers to LEARN all I can.

RESPECTFUL
Treat others the way I want to be treated.
Be respectful.
Use good manners.
Help others out.

HOMEWORK RESPONSIBILITIES
♦ Give messages, notices and information received by me from my school to my parent or guardian.
♦ Read at home every day.
♦ Practice fluently reading passages (more than once!).
♦ Practice sight words using flash cards, Fry Phrases, word lists, and other technology tools and apps.
♦ For fiction text, READ and RETELL important elements of the story.
♦ For non-fiction informational text from an article or book, READ and RETELL important information (main idea and supporting detail).
♦ Practice basic math with numbers 0-10 (1+6=7, 7-6=1; 9+8=17, 17-9=8), combinations of ten (4+6=10 & 10-4=6; 2+8=10 & 10-2=8), and doubles (2+2=4, 6+6=12).
♦ Practice time and money concepts.

FIRST GRADE
ADVICE...

Don’t scribble-scrabble on your paper.
Don’t rush.

USE YOUR RESOURCES:
number line, ABC’s, calendar, Secret Stories, charts, etc.

Read fluently, not choppy.

Write about things you like.
Write about things you know.

Use your book to help you find evidence to answer questions and spell words.

Be polite.
Be Respectful.

You can do it!

Learn combinations of numbers that make 10.

In math, show your work.