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.
- I seek educational opportunities for my child.
- It’s important to participate as a family in activities where we are learning new things together.

MY FOURTH 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.
- Set up everything I need for school the night before.
- Read at home every day.
- Ask my parents to read to me.
- Follow a schedule or routine for completing homework each night.
- Practice addition and subtraction facts for fluency.
- Study all multiplication facts until I master them. I won’t give up!
- Use suggested websites to practice reading, writing, & math skills. (Suggestions are found on teacher school web pages, and on the West Buncombe Elementary web page under Academics; Media; Card Catalogue Link).

DON’T FORGET the stuff you learned in 3rd grade. It will come in handy! Take it from me!

FOURTH GRADE ADVICE...
Pay attention. Even if you think you know something, it’s good to know for SURE.

No whining! ANNOTATE your math problems.
Always do your best work. SHOW your work.
Pay lots of attention, and always, always work hard.

Have fun! Bring a LOT more glue sticks than you think you’ll need!

Try not to get behind in your work.