



## Effective Effort Contract

**EFFECTIVE EFFORT** is  
hard work and the learning strategies I  
deliberately use to "get smarter" at  
important knowledge and skills.

### HARD WORK

- Time - A willingness to spend the minutes and hours needed to finish the job well
- Focus - No TV or other distractions; concentrating only on the work
- Resourcefulness - Knowing where to go and whom to ask for help when I'm really stuck
- Use of feedback - Looking carefully at responses to my work so I know exactly what to fix
- Commitment - Being determined to finish and do my very best work
- Persistence - If one strategy isn't working, keep trying different ones until I find one that works.

### LEARNING STRATEGIES

- Read carefully and thoughtfully
- Listen carefully and thoughtfully
- Take notes carefully and thoughtfully
- Ask questions of other students, teacher and parents when I don't understand
- Come for extra help after I have tried to understand the assignment myself
- Other
- Use the knowledge and skills I have to complete tasks successfully and "get smarter"

I will use hard work and learning strategies to help you put in effective effort this year.

Teacher: Ms. Nichols

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above contract and will use hard work and learning strategies to put in effective effort in science this year

Student Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_