

Welcome to Curriculum Chat

4th Grade

2021 - 2022



What PVA is all about...



WE **P**URSU^E EXCELLENCE.

WE **V**ALUE ALL.

WE **A**CHIEVE SUCCESS.

WE ARE PVA!



**BOBCATS SHOW
PRIDE. WE ARE...**



PREPARED



RESPECTFUL



INSPIRED



DETERMINED



ENGAGED



Positive Behavior Supports

- LiveSchool – PBIS!
 - What does it look like?
 - How does it work?
- Classroom Behavior System
 - What does it look like?
 - How does it work?
- Behavioral Support Steps
 - What does it look like?
 - How does it work?



Daily Schedule

8:20 – 8:45 Arrival

2:50-3:05 Dismissal M/T/Th/F

1:50-2:00 Dismissal W

Everyday Includes:

- 90 Minute ELA Reading Instruction
- 60 Minute Math Instruction
- Science or Social Studies Instruction
- 30 Minute Lunch
- 35 Minute Resource (M/T/Th/F)
- Teacher Led PE and Recess



Communication

Email is the preferred way of communication!

Transportation Changes: All transportation changes need to be documented on the appropriate form, sent in with your child, and will be submitted to the front office **PRIOR** to the 9 AM deadline.

- Last minute dismissal changes must be communicated through the front office, not through teacher email.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION CHANGE FORM](#)

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS HAVE UP TO 48 SCHOOL HOURS TO RESPOND TO AN EMAIL. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT TIME SENSITIVE CONCERNS, SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION CHANGES VIA EMAIL.



Various Procedures

Attendance: It is important that your child be in class every day that is possible. School begins at 8:40 AM and dismisses at 3:00 PM. Every Wednesday we have early release at 2:00pm.

Tardiness: A child is considered tardy after 8:40am.

Absence: Please send in a note with your child when returning to school following an illness. The office needs the excuse in writing for their records. Make up work will be given upon return.

Recess: Wear proper shoes each day.

Resource: Check weekly email for the schedule that week.

Medication: A form is required and may be obtained from the clinic website [HERE](#)

Dress Code: Please refer to page 14 of the Student Code of Conduct.



Various Procedures Cont.

Excused Absences: When your child is absent from school, please remember that our registrar must be notified via handwritten note or in email. **Excuse notes can ONLY be accepted within 48 hours of a student returning to school, however, this does not necessarily mean the absence will be excused. Family vacations, birthday parties, shopping trips, suspension from school, and other avoidable absences are unexcused.**

Electronic Devices and Acceptable Use: Electronic devices, including cell phones, smart phones, and smart watches should be **OFF** and **AWAY** during school hours, unless otherwise directed by an adult. Please refer to the district's [**Acceptable Use Policy**](#) or the Student Code of Conduct for more information.

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Volunteers & Visitors

***DUE TO THE CURRENT PANDEMIC, WE ARE ALLOWING LIMITED, SCHEDULED VISITORS.
PLEASE COORDINATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.**

Please remember, only APPROVED volunteers with proper ID are allowed access through the front office and into the building.

Please complete a volunteer application which can be obtained by clicking below, or online through our PVA website.

[CLICK HERE for the Volunteer Application!](#)



Curriculum



Language Arts

Language Arts is comprised of:

- **Literature**
- **Informational Text**
- **Reading Foundations**
- **Writing**
- **Language (Conventions, Vocabulary)**

**Reading EVERY DAY, can
make a big difference**



[CLICK HERE FOR THE "YEAR AT A GLANCE"](#)



Mathematics

- **Numbers and Base Ten**
- **Operations And Algebraic Thinking**
- **Measurement and Data**
- **Geometry**
- **Fractions**

FLUENCY COUNTS!

Practice facts for speed and accuracy DAILY!!!



Science

- **Nature of Science**
- **Matter**
- **Energy**
- **Life Science**
- **Earth Science**

SCIENCE MATTERS!



Social Studies

- **Florida Geography and Weather**
- **Exploration and settlement of Florida**
- **The Reconstruction of Florida after the civil war**
- **Florida's role in world war 1 and world war 11**
- **Florida in the 21st century**
- **Civics and government**



Homework

- **Actual time will vary with each student's study habits and academic skills.**
- **Suggested time frame is 10 minutes per GRADE. Ex. – 3rd grade = 30 min.**
- **If a child is spending an inordinate amount of time on homework, please contact us.**
- **Homework will be communicated via Weekly Updates**
- **Students should always have at least one Independent Reading book with them at all times.**



Testing Information

District/School Assessments

- **iReady (Reading & Math)**
- **Common Formatives and Summatives**
- **Informal Observations/Teacher Conferences/etc. (discuss many ways to asses outside of just testing)**

State Assessments (If Applicable)

- **FSA Writing**
- **FSA Math**
- **FSA Language Arts**
- **Etc.**



FSA (Florida State Assessment)

- This assessment will uphold the expectation of rigor and critical thinking provided by the Florida Standards.
- 4th grade students will be assessed on the English Language Arts and Mathematics Florida Standards.
- The testing window will open in April for Writing and May for Math and Reading.

In the meantime, we recommend parents exploring the following site:

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FSA](#)



Gradebook

- **Summative (Tests) : 70%**
- **Formative (Quizzes): 30%**
- **Grade Recovery will be offered on Summatives when students are not meeting standard (below 75%)**



Grade Recovery Mindset

What is standards based grading?



Home Access Center

[Click HERE for the Home Access Center \(HAC\)](#)

eSchoolPlus Home Access Center (HAC)

Home Access Center (HAC) allows student and parents to view their child's educational information via a secure, password protected website.

Please check HAC continuously for an update on your child's grades. If you are unable to access HAC, please contact Mary Dominguez (mary.dominguez@stjohns.k12.fl.us)



Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

Teachers meet weekly on Wednesdays (while the students are in resource) to share expertise and work collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students.



Parent Conferences

If there is ever a time you would like to speak with me about your child's learning environment, feel free to send an email with any questions, or reach out and we can schedule a virtual conference.

First.last@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Phone conferences are also a great option. 😊





PALM VALLEY ACADEMY



Have you joined the Palm Valley PTO yet?

Find out more about all our PTO does [HERE!](#)

Thank you so much for supporting our school!



Thank you!

It is a pleasure to partner with you in this year's educational journey. I appreciate your continued support.

We Pursue Excellence. We Value All. We Achieve Success.