

Welcome to 2nd Grade

at Palm Valley Academy



Communication



- Email is the best way to communicate with us.
- Please make sure your child brings their binder and planner to school every day. In your child's binder, you will find:
 - Homework
 - Graded Papers
 - Notes (when needed)
 - PVA correspondences
- Resource and homework assignments will be written in planners.

Our First Days

Brick & Mortar

- Students will spend the first days orienting themselves to on-campus learning.
- Students will be taught traffic patterns, sanitation protocols, and appropriate safety measures.
- Students will also be provided a school tour.

Distance Learning

- Students will spend the first days orienting themselves to school-based distance learning.
- Students will be taught how to access curriculum, test technology, follow their distance learning schedule, and will make adjustments as needed.

Daily Schedule

Brick & Mortar Schedule

8:05-8:25	Arrival/Morning Work
8:25-8:30	Pledge/Announcements
8:30-9:00	Reading Intervention
9:00-9:15	Science
9:15-9:55	Resource
9:55-10:10	Science
10:10-10:55	Math
10:55-11:25	Lunch
11:25-11:45	Math
11:45-12:15	Teacher Led PE
12:15-12:45	Social Studies
12:45-2:15	ELA
2:15-2:40	Recess

Virtual Schedule

8:05-8:25	Morning Work
8:25-8:30	Pledge/Announcements
8:30-9:00	Reading Intervention
9:00-9:15	Social Studies
9:15-9:55	Resource
9:55-10:10	Social Studies
10:10-10:55	ELA
10:55-11:25	Lunch
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12:15-12:45	Science
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Building
Purposeful
Leaders Where
Everyone Shines
Through
Achievement



OUR MISSION

WE PURSUE EXCELLENCE.

WE VALUE ALL.

WE ACHIEVE SUCCESS.

WE ARE PVA!

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

PREPARED

RESPECTFUL

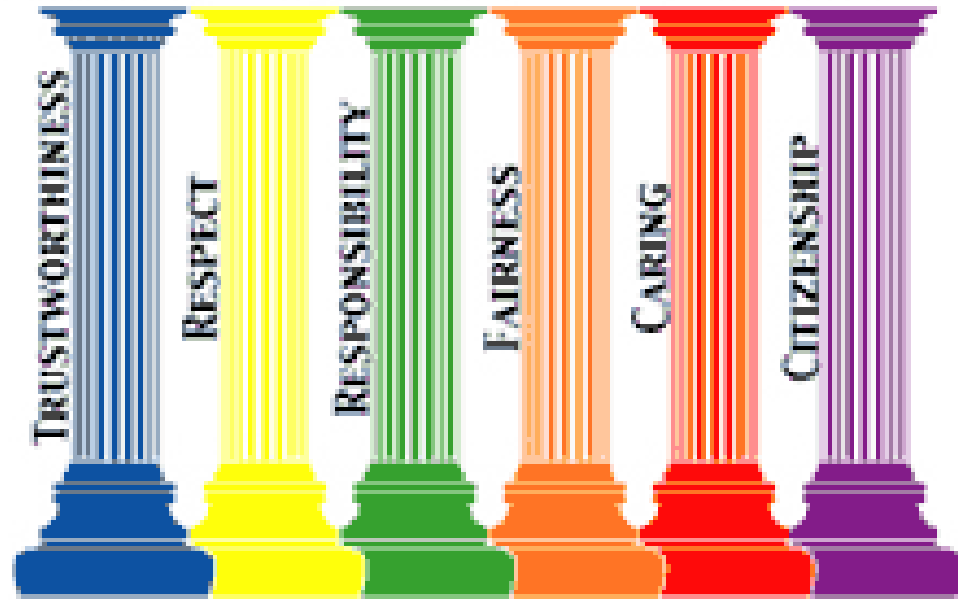
INSPIRED

DETERMINED

ENGAGED

Character Counts

CHARACTER COUNTS!



ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fairness
Responsibility
Citizenship
Respect
Caring
Trustworthiness

Capturing Kids Hearts & PBIS

Capturing Kids Hearts

- Primary focus is to develop relationships between educators and students.
- A Social Contract will be created to build a community and develop a safe learning environment.

PBIS

- PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- LiveSchool will be utilized to track positive behaviors and students will earn points.



Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

*ALL students and staff will wear a mask during these times.

Arrival

- Whether your student is a bus rider, car rider, biker, walker, or golf cart rider, they will maintain social distance and wear a mask. If your student doesn't have a mask, one will be provided.
- Temperatures will be checked in the classroom, by the teacher.

Dismissal

- All students will have a tag that designates their dismissal information.
- It will be staggered to decrease the number of students in the hallways.

Schoology

- All information, including newsletters and updates, will be posted here. Please make this your go-to when looking for 2nd grade information.
- At this time, live conferences for your student will also take place on Schoology.
- Log-in information for Schoology will be shared during our individual "Meet the Teacher" virtual meeting.



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Supplies for Brick & Mortar

First Day of School Supplies:

* Since there will be no parent escorts to help carry supplies please only send in the following on the first day.

- 2 Composition Notebooks (1 primary/1 draw top-bottom lined)
- 1 box of Markers
- 3 Plastic Pocket Folders with Prongs (Blue, Green, Yellow)
- 1 box of Pencils
- 1 ream of paper (Card Stock/Construction)
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- White 3" Binder
- 1 box of Colored Pencils
- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 box of Crayons
- Earbuds/Headphones
- Expo Markers

* Bring a change of clothes and an extra mask in a labeled Ziploc bag.

* Please label all supplies. Teachers will request additional supplies when needed. If you need the full list, you can find it on the PVA website.

Supplies for Virtual

Supplies to Have Ready:

- 4 Composition Notebooks
- At least 2 sharpened pencils
- 3 Folders
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Ruler
- White Board, Dry Erase Marker and Eraser

*When you come back to school, please have ALL supplies labeled.

Curriculum

ELA Block

- Reading Programs: *Being a Reader and Making Meaning*
- *Being a Reader* focuses on phonemic awareness and identifying letter patterns
- *Making Meaning* focuses on literature, making connections, and vocabulary

Math Block

- Concepts Covered: Numbers & Operations, Measurement & Data, Money & Time, Word Problems, Geometry
- Hands-on instruction, strategy-based
- Requires rigorous explanations by using words, pictures, and/or number sentences

Science

- Concepts Covered: Matter, Earth Science, Energy, Living Things

Social Studies

- Concepts Covered: American History, Economics, Geography, Civics & Government

Testing Information

- Testing occurs 3 times a year
- Reading and Math



Grading Scale for 2nd Grade

M = Mastery

P = Progressing toward standards mastery

I = Improvement needed

Curriculum Resources

- i-Ready Pathway for Reading and Math
- Raz-Kids (online reading passages and questions)
- Reflex Math (quick recall of facts to increase fluency)
- Envision/Savvas Math (online resource for math curriculum)
- Studies Weekly (online resource for Social Studies)
- BrainPop Jr. (helpful videos for ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies)

Resource

Resource Teachers

- Art: Ms. Gwaltney
- Music: Ms. Hines
- Theater: Ms. Russell
- Physical Education: Coach Anderson, Coach Henson, Coach Willis
- Media: Ms. Hoppenworth, Ms. Fry
- Sign Language: Ms. Durden
- Technology: Ms. Carpenter

Schoology - Resource Course

Distance Learners: Please log into your Resource Course for updated lessons and activities.

ESE Team

VE Teachers

Kandise Ellis

Rachel Quesinberry

Carla Resetar

Deb Stevens

Sandra Struble

Amanda Thelen

School Psychologist

Brandy Killian

Occupational Therapist

Jennifer Talbert

Speech/Language Pathologists

Camille Carrier

Julia Hotchner

Ragini Talreja

PVA's ESE Team is here to support you from here or afar. Be on the lookout for information from them. They can't wait to see your smiling faces.

Homework

2nd Grade HW is:

- NOT graded, but checked for completion
- Approximately 20 minutes each day

Value & Purpose of HW:

- Encourage the use of new vocabulary and math concepts in practical ways at home
- Independent practice to reinforce and extend lessons taught at school
- Inform parents about current methods, strategies, and topics taught in class
- Encourage partnership between parents and school

Helpful Tips for Brick & Mortar

Water: PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD WITH A WATER BOTTLE EACH DAY.

Snack: Please send in an easy to open snack that doesn't require a fork or spoon.

Recess & PE: Students must wear proper shoes every day.

Transportation Changes: Please utilize the Transportation Change forms from the PVA website. Call the front office for emergency change of transportation.

Medications: All are administered by the school nurse or office personnel. Please contact the nurse to take care of any medications.

Helpful Tips for Virtual

Student Computer Recommended Specifications:

The minimum recommended specifications for a student laptop computer to support Distance Learning are shown below.

For grades K-8:

- Celeron N4000 Processor or Intel iSeries Processor (i3/i5)
- 8 GB of RAM
- 64 GB HD
- Integrated Webcam

Optional Equipment for Distance Learning:

- Headphones with a microphone.
Check to see that headphones fit, are comfortable for long term use, and fit in the computer's adaptor.
- A mouse. Finger tracking can be hard for some students.
- Blue light blocking glasses can help with prolonged screen time.
- A printer. Helpful for printing resources and assignments.

Recommended Learning Environment:

- An organized and quiet space to study and work.
- Be able to monitor your student's screen.
- Set rules for online usage and video conferencing.
 - *Example: Certain areas of the house are "off limits" (ie. bedroom or bathroom), conferencing done with parent supervision only, etc.*
- Review cyber safety rules.
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/social-media-mass-media-parent-resources/>

Volunteers

- At this time, volunteers are NOT allowed in the building, but we can't wait until you are able to assist in the classroom again.
- Once restrictions have been lifted you must be a registered volunteer to come into the classroom, eat lunch with your student, chaperone field trips, and attend conferences in the classroom.
- All volunteers must be approved by St. Johns County. Please complete a volunteer application which can be obtained at the front office or online through our website.

Celebrations & Events

- Unfortunately, we are not able to send in birthday treats at this time but will still acknowledge your student's birthday.
- Hopefully our class will be able to have celebrations throughout the year. You will receive additional information about these events if/when they occur.
- If your family does not celebrate birthdays or participate in celebrations, please let me know. I will make arrangements for your child.

Fun Activities for the Year

(You will receive more details closer to the specific date)

Scientist of the Week

- Your child will have the opportunity to be a scientist this year!
 - This means that your student will have the chance to demonstrate and talk about a Mini Science Experiment of his or her choice on a specific topic.

Animal Habitat Diorama

- Your child will get to pick an animal, complete research and create a habitat diorama

Historian of the Week

- Students will pick a historical figure, event, place to research and present to the class.