

Welcome to Curriculum Chat

4th Grade

2020-2021



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

Daily schedules vary greatly, please refer to homeroom teachers for your specifics!



Communication

Best way to connect with us...

- Please contact the subject area teacher for your concerns.

We welcome communication and will stay in contact through:

- Our weekly newsletter, which is sent every Friday afternoon through email.
- Email: Teacher's firstname.lastname@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- You can also find out weekly updates through Schoology.

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 8:25 AM, and dismisses at 2:45 PM. Please remember, starting Wed. October 14th and continuing through Dec. 16th, we will be begin dismissing on Wednesdays at 12:45 pm. Please make necessary arrangements.

Tardiness: A child is considered tardy after 8:31a.m. If for some reason you are detained, please escort your child into the office to obtain a tardy slip.

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.

Transportation Changes: All transportation changes need to be documented on the appropriate form (PVA website and below) and submitted to the front office **PRIOR** to the deadline.

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



Volunteers & Visitors

DUE TO THE CURRENT PANDEMIC, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ALLOW VOLUNTEERS AND/OR VISITORS IN THE BUILDING UNLESS IT IS A PREAPPROVED SPECIFIC PURPOSE

Once this restriction is lifted, a communication will be sent out with an update and details. Please remember, when we open up, 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)**

[CLICK HERE FOR THE ELA 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**
- **Florida History**



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.**

State Assessments

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



Gradebook

- **Summative (Unit tests) : 70%**
- **Formative (Quizzes): 30%**
- **Any additional info that's important to your gradebooks and grade level (Activities, Projects, Favorites... things for students to look forward to?)**



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.



Schoology

- District-Wide, web-based platform that is updated weekly by your homeroom teacher
 - Weekly Updates
 - Important Announcements
 - Curriculum Resources
 - Instructional HUB for Distance Learners

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Technology

There are a few student computer devices in each room, however, students are welcome to bring their own devices to school for learning if the appropriate steps have been taken.

All devices brought from outside of school will fall under the ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY which everyone signed during your registration process.



Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

Teachers meet bi-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. 😊



Elementary School Counselors



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If your child is experiencing difficulty regarding academic achievement, family changes, social skills or adjusting to transitions/change, it may be helpful to contact your child's school counselor.



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. We appreciate your continued support.

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