

The background is a solid purple color. On the left and right sides, there are vertical bands of a lighter blue color. These bands are decorated with white line-art icons of school supplies: a pencil, a lightbulb, a paint palette, a notebook, a document, a globe, a stack of books, a ruler, and a pencil sharpener. The central text is white and set against the purple background.

WELCOME

BACK TO SCHOOL

**FIRST GRADE
2025-2026**



MEET THE TEAM



ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT



Please make sure your child is here by 8:00 AM daily!
Dismissal is at 2:20 PM and 1:20 PM on Wednesdays!

A note/absentee form is needed upon return to school
stating the cause of the absence.

All transportation changes MUST be sent to
piatransportation@stjohns.k12.fl.us



Be HERE



COMMUNICATION



- Please empty your child's take-home folder each day and check for communication.
- Left side – papers to be signed or reviewed then returned to school
- Right side – papers to be kept at home and an opportunity to see what your child is doing in class



- A monthly resource schedule will be shared with parents.
- A grade level newsletter will be sent home monthly with highlights of our learning.
- No question is too small! Please email anytime. 😊



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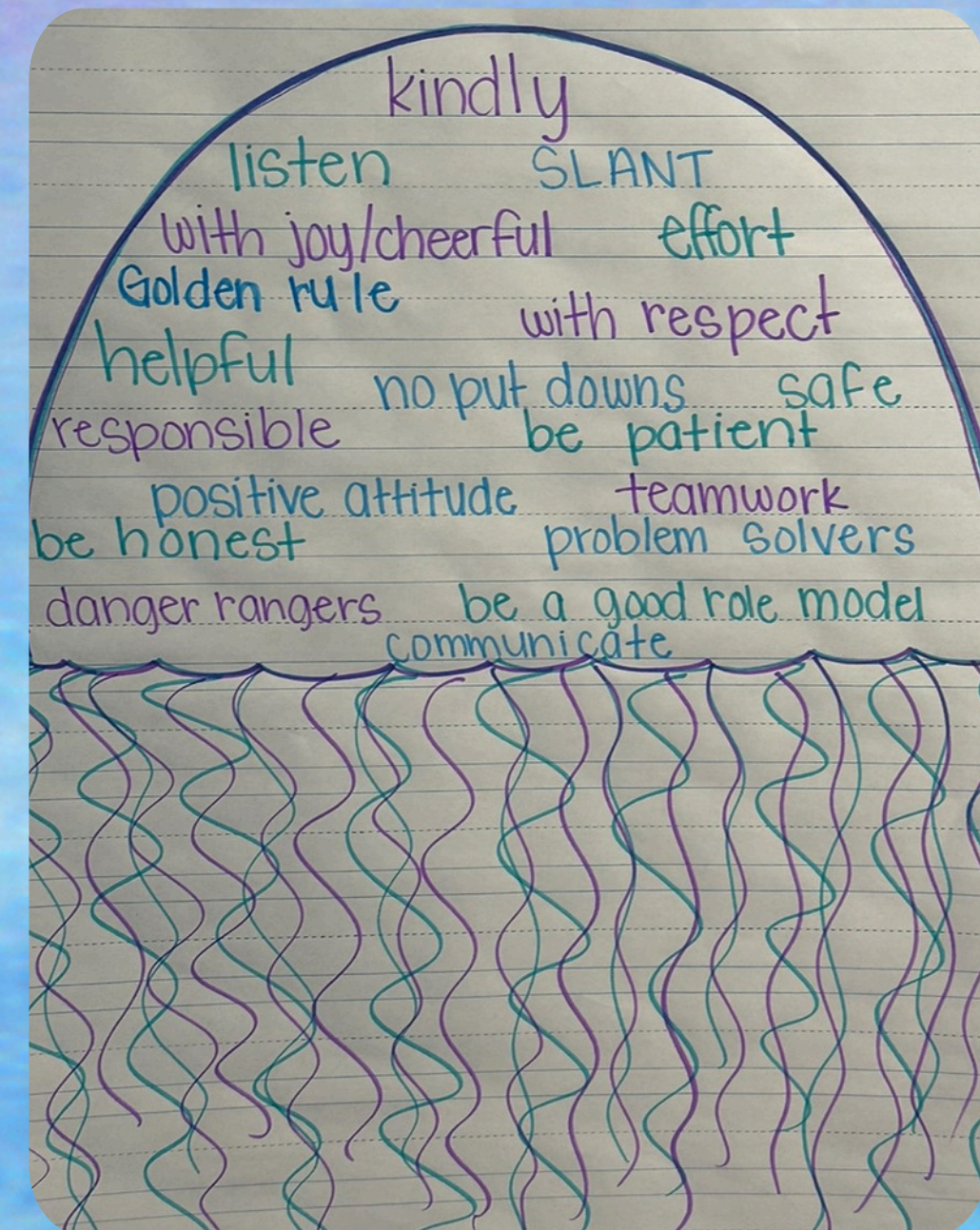
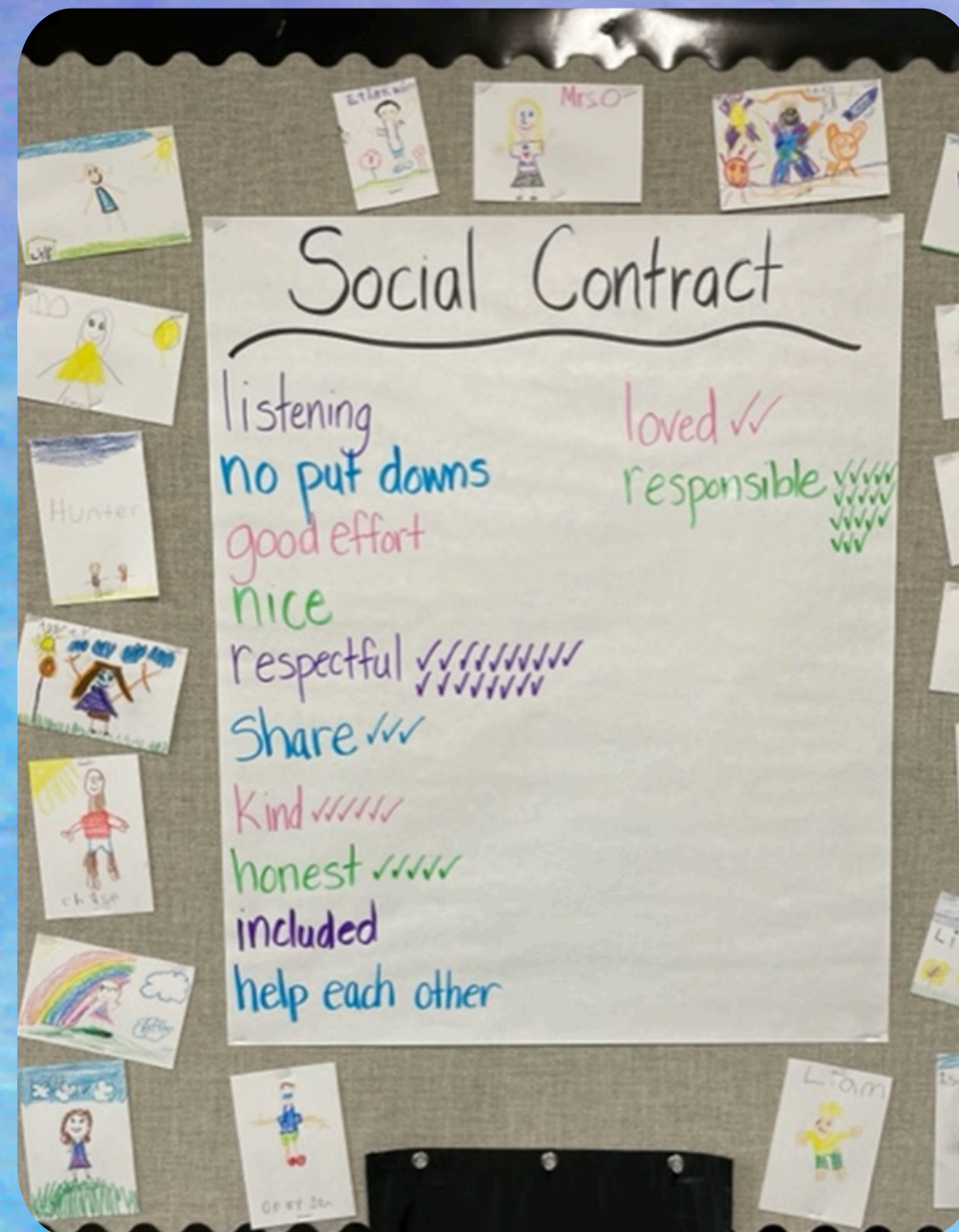
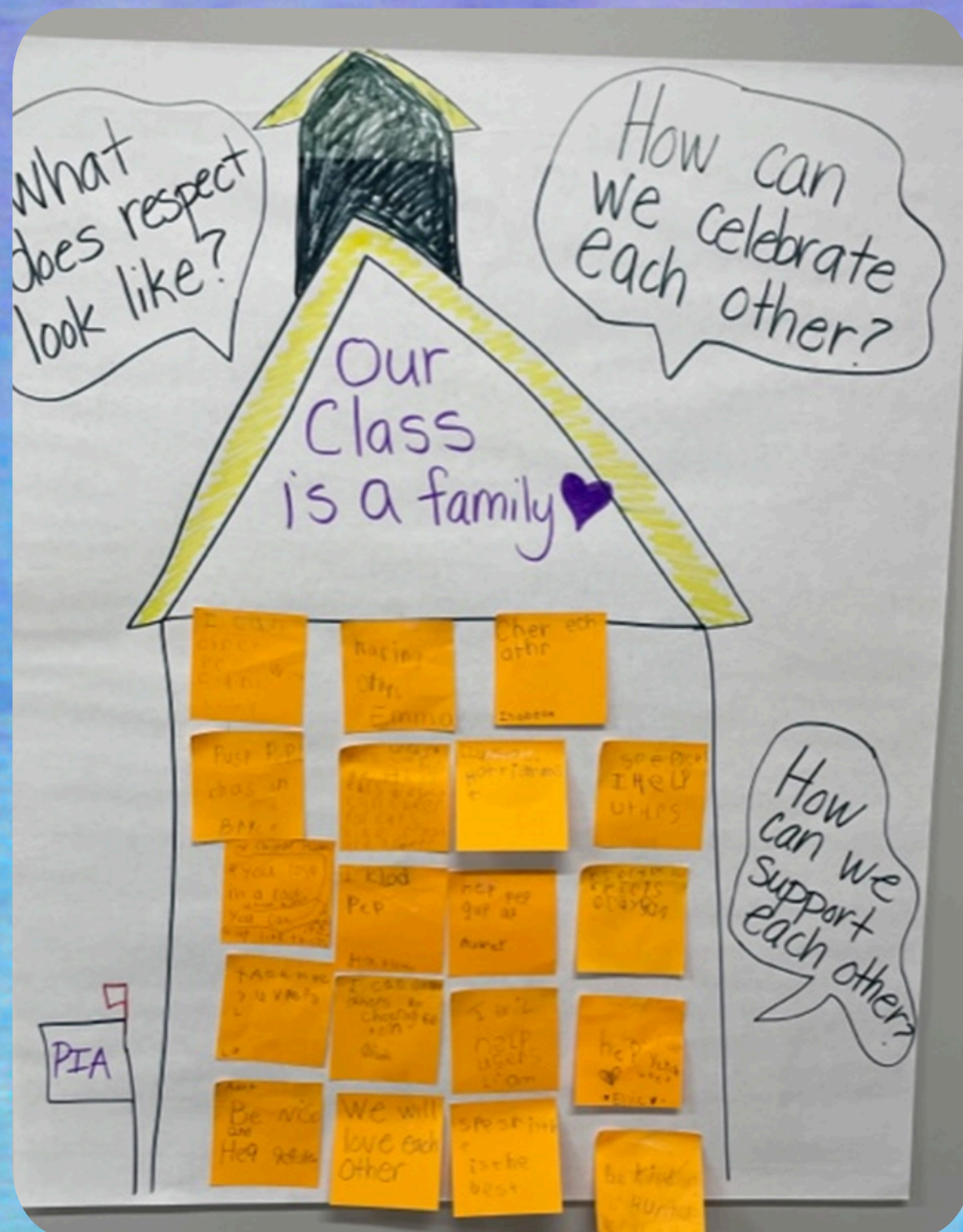
Capturing Kids Hearts



- At Pine Island Academy, we are using Capturing Kids Hearts to build relationships, establish values, and foster a sense of community. This is a school wide expectation and one that helps establish routines and standards around the school.
- Students are greeted at the doorway each morning with a smile, asked how they are, and then encouraged to greet others. We start each day by sharing good news.
- Our classes have each developed a social contract together, which identifies our core values, builds respect, and promotes positive interactions and encouragement for one another.

Social contracts

Check
this
out






As teachers, we are constantly monitoring your child to assess where they are with every lesson and concept, and work hard to differentiate instruction each day!



**District Standardized
Assessment =
FAST Assessment**

**Reading Level
Assessments**



**Classroom Assessments =
tasks, quick checks, unit
tests**

**Report cards and assessed
work will be given the
letters of M, P, or I.**

**M - Meeting the standard
(85-100%)**

**P - Progressing towards
the standard
(70-84%)**

**I - Needs Improvement
(Below 69%)**

Each quarter has various standards that are taught or become more complex as the year progresses. A student could receive a M in one quarter, but a P or I in a different quarter due to increasing complexity of the standard.

Only P or I will appear on interims due to the entire standard not having been taught yet.



MAKING THE GRADE






STAR ASSESSMENTS

The STAR Assessments are online assessments that help aid your child's teacher in determining your student's needs, personalizing their learning, and monitoring their progress throughout the school year.

The STAR test is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your child's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question.

It is administered 3 times a year (August, December & May)



Parents can help their child by encouraging them to take their time and do their best. Remind them not to be discouraged if the questions seem difficult because they want to see how much your brain can stretch and grow!

You got this!



LITERACY



PHONICS

We will be using the FUNdations curriculum in order to teach phonics in class. Foundations is a systematic and explicit phonics instructional program. This program is aimed to teach foundational basics for reading and spelling.



READING

SAVVAS MyView Literacy is an all encompassing reading and writing curriculum. Students will be exposed to various texts and strategies to develop strong reading and writing skills.

Supplemental resources will be used throughout the school year that support our state standards.



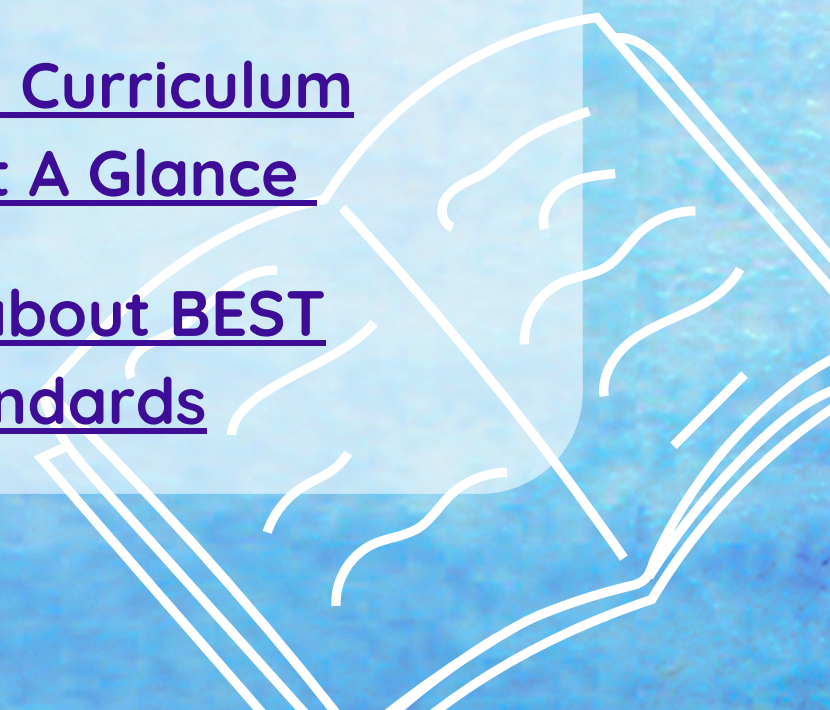
READ! READ! READ!

The only way to become a better reader is to READ! The more your child reads at home and at school the better reader they will become.

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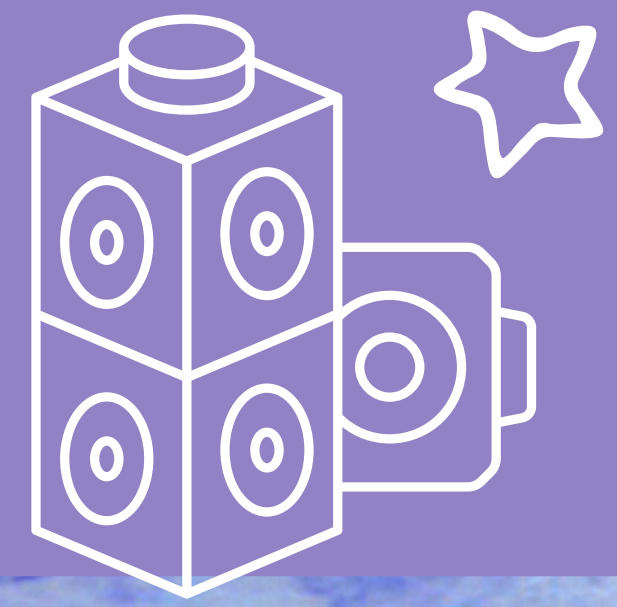
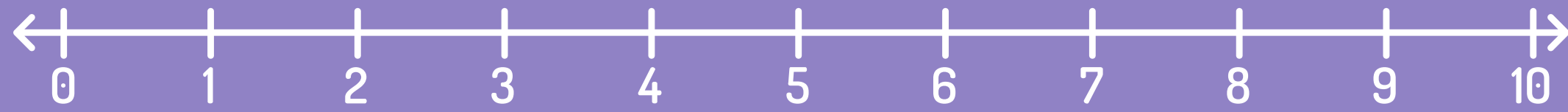
[Parents' Curriculum Year At A Glance](#)

[Video about BEST standards](#)





MATH



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[Math Year Overview](#)

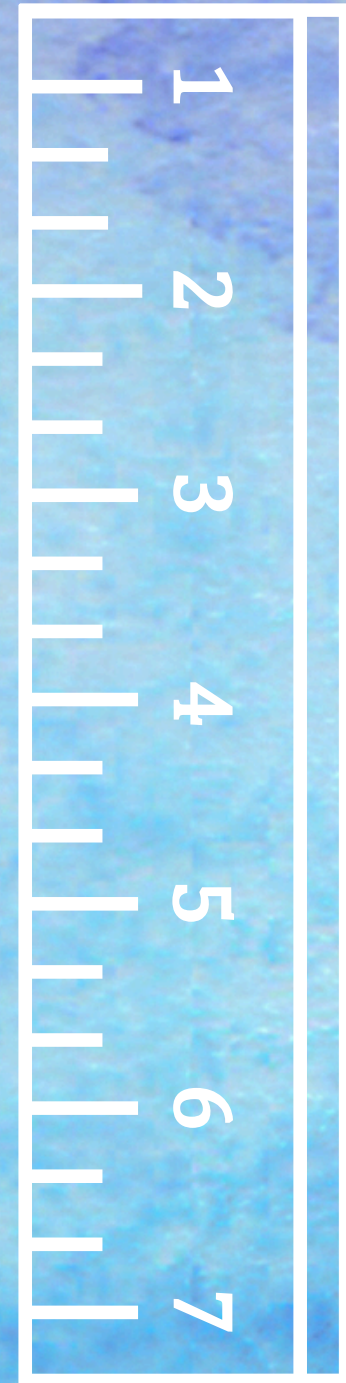
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ENVISION MATH

EnVision Math is a hands on math curriculum that focuses on exploring concepts through the eyes of the student. It includes engaging lessons with online resources for the twenty first century of learning.

CENTERS

Students will engage in math centers that will practice and target specific math skills and standards. Math centers can be differentiated based on the mastery of skill.



“WHAT I NEED”

Throughout the year, first grade teachers will be using flexible switch groups across our team of teachers. Teachers will be meeting weekly to discuss grade level data and choose lessons that meet the needs of each student.

Within small groups, students will be participating in activities and lessons targeting specific skills which match their individual needs and levels.

WIN TIME





AT HOME RESOURCES



Traditional homework will not be sent home on a daily basis this school year. However, students are encouraged to read at home nightly for 15-20 minutes, practice sight words/trick words, and work on fact fluency (addition and subtraction within 20).

To Access Technology Resources:

1. Go to the [Pine Island Website](#)
2. Click the link to Open Clever
3. Use your students S# login

Clever



Lexia Core 5
Reading program
that goes at your
students level and
grows with them!



Home Access Center

1. Go to the [Pine Island Website](#)
2. Click the HAC link





PARENTSQUARE



We will be using ParentSquare this year to send out weekly communications, direct messages, exciting updates/pictures from our day, and reminders!

It is also going to be utilized for schoolwide communication.

ParentSquare can be accessed through the website, as well as an app on your phones.

You should have received an email with a link to join from SJCSD.

Scan here to
download
the app!



SPECIAL EVENTS



BOOK FAIR

We will be having our first book fair in September! Details about your classes dates to come!

CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS

We have so many exciting celebrations throughout the year such as Bat Day, 101 day of school, winter holiday party, a friendship celebration and more! More info to come as we get closer to each!



SCHOOL WIDE EVENTS

We have multiple school events coming up such as Dolphin Dash and Trunk-or-Treat!



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See ya **LATER**



YOU MUST BE APPROVED:

In order to enter the school, you must first register and receive approval status PRIOR to your visit or volunteering.

(This is required for chaperoning Field Studies as well.)

CONFERENCES

If you have any questions or concerns regarding academic or your child, please know that we are always open to conferences. Please email your child's teacher with your availability to schedule.

PTO:

Join our PTO!! This group is amazing and does so much for our students and our school.





**WE ARE LOOKING
FORWARD TO A
GREAT YEAR AHEAD!**

