## Welcome to

# Pines Lakes Elementary Kindergarten Orientation!

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#### **Staff Introductions:**

Mrs. Sasse, Principal Ms. Balroop, Assistant Principal Mrs. Dejean -Literacy Coach Mrs. Rizzo– Kindergarten Team Leader Kindergarten Team- Ms. Leon, Mrs. Argall, & Ms. Spadafino

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### Pines Lakes Rockin' Achievements!

- Over 40 years of continued service to our community
- Dual certified teachers Exceptional Student Education (ESE) & Gifted
  - Inclusion services for special needs children in grades PreK 5
- Title I Grant to improve student achievement & parent involvement
- Teachers trained in strategies for our English Language Learners (ELL)
  - On-site school operated aftercare available provided by YMCA

Florida BEST Standards (Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking)

Standards are simple statements about what students are expected to know or do as a result of what they learn in class.

Standards ensure that all schools and all classrooms have the same expectations for students. They help to make sure that all children have access to a high-quality education.

The Florida Department Of Education has excellent parent resources on their website:

www.fldoe.org

#### A Day In The Life of a Pines Lakes Kindergartener

FREE BREAKFAST 7:20-7:40 SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:50

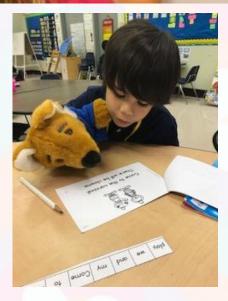
- Morning Work
- Calendar Math
- Literacy Block
- Outdoor Physical Activity & Recess
- Lunch
- Math Block
- Social Studies, Science & STEM
- Specials- PE, Media, & Music
- Character Education
- Mindfulness & Social-Emotional Learning

#### **DISMISSAL IS AT 1:50**

English-Language Arts (ELA) Science of Reading







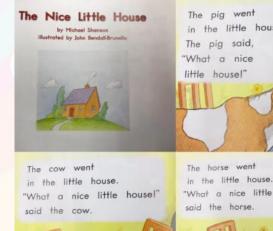
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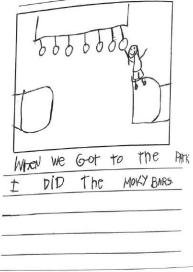




"What a nice little house!"







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### Assessments



Letter Names and Letter Sounds Concepts of Print STAR Early Literacy (3 times a year) STAR Math (3 times a year) STAR Tests are COMPUTER BASED TESTS

### Math Block

Florida's math standards in Kindergarten are emphasized throughout the year: - Counting from 1-100 - Writing numbers 0-20 - Counting objects up to 20 (and knowing one more/one less)



Greater than/less than
Addition/subtraction with numbers up to 10

Word problems

Composing and decomposing numbers 11-20
Measurement (heavy, light, long, tall, short)

Sorting
Shapes (2D and 3D)

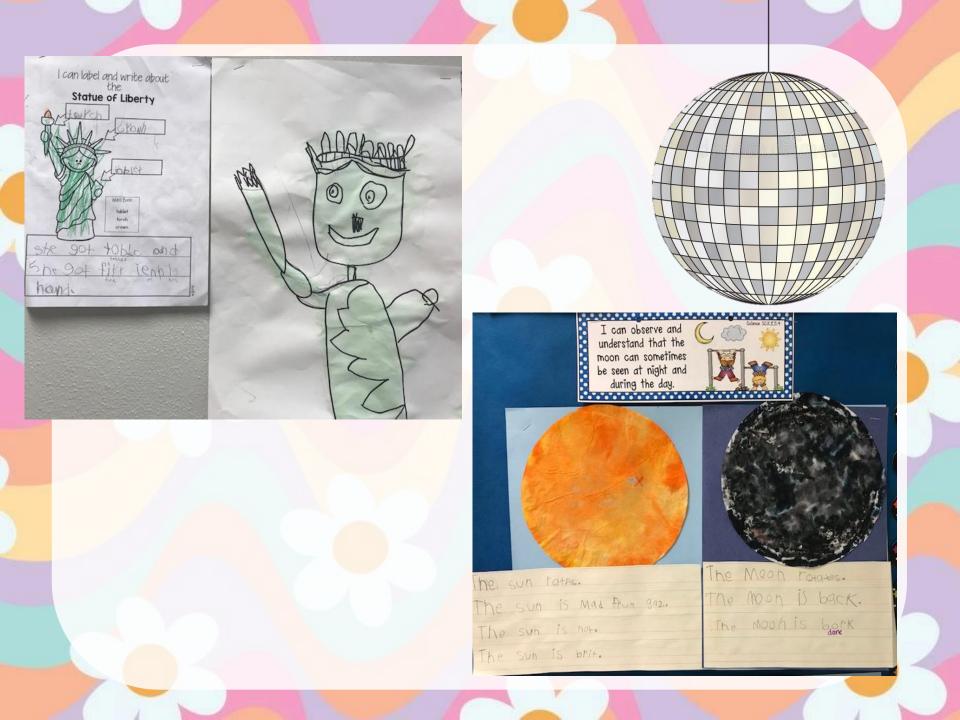
### Units of Study: Social Studies & Science

Students will have a great time learning about many Social Studies & Science topics throughout the year.

Rules and Communities The Practice of Science Forces and Change in Motion Living Things Earth in Space and Time American People, Holidays and Symbols Where we Live, Oceans and Landforms

Activities will be integrated into reading and writing for a well-rounded curriculum!





### STEM Program:

### Science, Technology, Engineering & Math

student-centered environment
project-based learning
hands-on engineering applications
emphasis on literacy







### ACTIVITIES & FIELD TRIPS

- Swim Central Lessons
- SEAS Performances
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Gingerbread Hunt
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day
- ..... And more!

## Volunteers

Volunteers are greatly appreciated in our Kindergarter classrooms. We couldn't do it without you

Consider joining PTA and becoming a volunteer. Forms to sign up will be in the Student First Day Packet





## Safety & Security

The following procedures are expected to be followed by ALL students, staff, parents and visitors while on our campus:

#### **BUILDING SECURITY:**

- Exterior doors and classroom doors are locked at all times.
  - Campus gates are secured and/or monitored.
- Security Staff (SRO & 2 Campus monitors) conduct comprehensive sweeps of the campus each day, throughout the day.
  - Students, staff, and visitors must wear the school-issued badge at all times.
  - Students and staff are trained to follow the District Standard Response Protocols.

#### VISITORS:

- State Law and District Policy require schools to have very strict rules for adults to visit school.
  - Visitor parking is available in the front lot off Johnson Street.
- All visitors to campus must present photo ID and be entered in the Visitor Management System.

#### **STUDENTS:**

- Students are supervised by a staff member at all times.
- Emergency/evacuation/lockdown drills are conducted monthly.
- Quarterly Positive Behavior assemblies are held to review rules and expectations for student safety, including Anti-Bullying, and programs such as Help is Here & See Something, Say Something.

Registration Requirements

#### Registration for all Broward County Schools begins May 1st.

Information and documents needed to register for the upcoming school year are on our website. Please call school to schedule an appointment to register.

All Kindergarten students must be registered, even if they already attend Pre-K in Broward.

# Preparing for K:

Self-Help Skills	Social Skills	Academic Skills
Put on and take off jackets	Share with others	Listen to a story
• Tie their own shoe	Work cooperatively to play a game	Use scissors
Wash their hands	• Clean up after using things	• Draw a picture
• Open food containers (milk carton, straw)	Follow simple directions	• Count to 10
• Buckle & unbuckle seatbelts in their private vehicle		Recognize and write first     name
• Open and close their car door independently		
How to use a computer		



Mandatory School Unified Dress Policy Students are to wear uniforms daily as noted below:

#### UPPER SCHOOL (Grades 3-5)

Yellow Collared Top Khaki Shorts, Rompers, Skorts or Pants (no leggings) Closed Toe Shoes or Sneakers Navy Blue Jacket (no hoodies unless they have zipper)

#### LOWER SCHOOL (Grades K-2)

Navy Blue Collared Top Khaki Shorts, Rompers, Skorts or Pants (no leggings) Closed Toe Shoes or Sneakers Navy Blue Jacket (no hoodies unless they have zipper)

#### PANTHER CUBS (PreK ESE & VPK)

Navy top (t-shirt or collared) Navy Elastic Bottoms (no leggings) Navy Blue Jacket (no hoodies unless they have zipper)

Ponchos or rain jackets are recommended to be kept in bookbags (umbrellas not permitted)

#### FRIDAY SPIRIT DAYS:

Spirit or class t-shirt with jeans (no ripped jeans)

In accordance with School Board Policy 5309, all Pines Lakes students are expected to follow the Mandatory School Unified Dress Policy

Parents may purchase school uniforms at any retailer of their choosing

We can't wait for you be our newest **Pines Lakes Rock** Star!!!