



# PINEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

PES Promise Standards are the North Carolina Standard Course of Study standards that our faculty has determined to be essential for success at the next grade level. Standards are identified in both reading and in math. Teachers from all grade levels have worked closely together to ensure we have a solid curriculum that will ensure children are ready for what is to come in the next grade levels.

Students are assessed on these specific standards before they are taught so that we are well aware of each child's level of understanding before we begin. After teaching the standard, students are assessed a second time for proficiency. Those who have mastered the standard at 80% or higher are considered proficient and are moved to extensions of learning. Those who need continued support are taught the material a second time often by a different teacher. Students are then assessed again after several days of reteaching. This process models our School Improvement Plan to ensure students are successful on these necessary standards by requiring that students receive multiple opportunities for learning.

We provide the Promise Standards to you in an effort to partner with you. We have written the standards in student friendly language rather than the North Carolina Standard Course of Study language so that you can use these words with your children. We have also added the semester in which the standard is taught so that you can see when your child will encounter this standard.

As always, please reach out to our school staff to support your understanding of our initiatives as well as your child's progress on specific standards if you have questions or concerns. We teach all standards in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, but we know those on the document attached must be mastered for your child's long-term school success. We value your thoughts and your support as we endeavor to ensure ALL students learn at high levels.

Respectfully,

Ashlee Ciccone  
Principal