Welcome
AES Annual Title 1 Open House
2026-2027



Aiken Elementary

VISION

Aiken Elementary School is a safe and predictable environment where positive Relationships are evident, Partnerships are maximized, and Academic Excellence is top priority for every student, every day.

MISSION

The mission of Aiken County Public Schools and Aiken Elementary School is to meet the educational needs of our students through a challenging, innovative, standards/ literacy-focused school system in a safe environment supported by parents and the community.



BELIEFS

- Fostering healthy relationships in a safe environment are our top priority.
- All change and growth starts with ME.
- All students have gifts and the ability to grow.
- All faculty, staff, and students are respected and valued.
- All faculty, staff, and students are responsible for their decisions and actions.

I am, You are, We are AES!

MEET OUR ADMINISTRATION & FRONT OFFICE STAFF



Ms. Steelman
Assistant Principal



Ms. Brooks
Principal



Ms. Szalwinski
Assistant Principal



Ms. Bailey
Secretary



Ms. Clark
Book Keeper



Ms. Hay
Attendance



Ms. Uhle
Guidance Counselor

MEET OUR PRE-K TEAM



Ms. Moss



Ms. Jones

Pre-K students are our true explorers. They are the newest members to the Aiken Elementary school family. In the beginning we learn about ourselves, our school and our community. We practice our school expectations everyday; Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful.

MEET OUR KINDERGARTEN TEAM



Dr. Clifford



Ms. Meusel



Ms. Nuessle



Ms. Williams



Ms. Green



Ms. Schnelle

Kindergarten students at Aiken Elementary love to learn and explore! Our students grow as learners, through exciting experiences in our classrooms, school, and community.

MEET OUR 1ST GRADE TEAM



Ms. Dean



Ms. O'Banion



Ms. Keck



Ms. Osborne



Ms. Spann

Our 1st grade students are learning how to be good citizens by being safe, responsible, and respectful members of our school communities. We are working hard to become super readers and writers, and we are exploring number sense in math.

MEET OUR 2ND GRADE TEAM



Ms. Dickson



Ms. Ferraro



Ms. Hall



Ms. Lybrand

Our second-grade students are learning how to work together, get along, and build a successful learning community. Students are working hard to become fluent readers, writers, and mathematicians.

MEET OUR 3RD GRADE TEAM



Ms. Martin



Ms. Dove



Ms. Walden



Ms. Auvenshine

Our third-grade students will be taking a deep dive into multiplication, division, and fractions this year. In Reading, students will be using their inferring skills to make meaning from text, as well as applying a various strategy to deepen the meaning of vocabulary.

MEET OUR 4TH GRADE TEAM



Ms. Pearson



Ms. Stone



Ms. Noel



Ms. Spears

Fourth graders are busy learning everything from the Landbridge Theory to the Civil War! Units on light, sound, and animal adaptations draw lots of interest. Every day is filled with novels and problem-solving.

MEET OUR 5TH GRADE TEAM



Ms. Kuhns



Mr. Ross



Ms. Holloway

5th graders at Aiken Elementary expand their minds by using critical and creative thinking, authentic problem-solving skills, analysis, technology, research, teamwork, and collaboration across all subject areas.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MEET OUR ACTIVITY TEACHERS



Ms. Reynolds
Art



Ms. Little
Music



Ms. Nelson
Library



Ms. Erwin
PE

MEET OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION TEAM



Mr. Drayer



Ms. Ford



Ms. Sheldon



Mr. Rabon

MEET OUR CURRICULUM & INTERVENTION TEAM



Ms. Oerman
Instructional Coach



Ms. Griffin
Reading & Math Intervention



Ms. Meyer
Reading & Math Intervention

MEET OUR SPECIAL PROGRAMS TEAM



Ms. Farrer
Nurse



Ms. Kitchens
Speech



Ms. Capangpangan
Hearing Impaired



Ms. Rudd
ESOL



Ms. Turner
Physical Therapist



Ms. Zaremba
School Psychologist



Ms. Cuteri
ABA

Aiken Elementary is a Title 1 School

Title I status is determined by the number of students who qualify as Pupils in Poverty as identified by the USDA within a school population. Identified students are those found to be eligible for free or reduced school meals. In our district, an elementary school must have at least 35% of its students qualify as Pupils in Poverty in order for the school to receive these federal funds and middle school must have at least 45%. Our school's Pupils in Poverty percentage is 69%, and the school's allocation, which is based on this percentage is $136,600 for this school year. This money is based on the 2025-2026 Pupils in Poverty count from March.

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Each year the school is required to write a plan on how this money should be used based on input from a Title 1 planning team. The team consists of teachers, parents, school admin, district personnel, and community members.

We meet every first Monday of the month at 3:15pm. Each spring, all parents also have the opportunity to provide input on the school's Title 1 plan by completing and submitting the Title 1 parent survey.

Parent Input in Title 1

- Your input in the preparation and evaluation of our school's Title I plan, and its parent involvement activities is valued.

- As the year progresses, if you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



This year, we are funding the following activities with the Title I funds that have been allocated to the school:

Reading Interventionist

Instructional Software

Instructional Materials

Substitutes for Professional Development

Supplies for Parent Events

Professional Development for Staff

We want you to be involved in your child's education. Research shows that the academic achievement of children increases when their parents are involved in their education.






We Need
You!

Join PTO

We invite you to join the PTO. Our PTO president is Mrs. Cassey Carroll.

You may reach out to the school or checkout the PTO page on the AES website. Our PTO is very active and will continue to support our students, faculty, and staff.



Why Join the Aiken Elementary School PTO?

The PTO Needs YOU!

1. CHILDREN BENEFIT

Research shows that participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps them perform better academically!

2. THE SCHOOL BENEFITS

PTO performs support for school teachers and administration which in turn creates a positive & caring atmosphere in the school!

3. MAKE CONNECTIONS

Get to know the teachers & staff better and make life-long friends with other parents at the school!

4. IT'S GOOD FOR YOU

Socializing with other parents and volunteering to do good for your child's school is fun, healthy and rewarding!


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Olweus Bully Prevention Project
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Monthly Coffee with the Counselor
Outdoor Classroom – "Dig In the Dirt"
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Aiken Elementary School
2024-2025 Overall Rating
Excellent
62
School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate
AIKEN ELEMENTARY
SILVER
HIGH PERFORMANCE
PALMETTO
GOLD
AND
SILVER
AWARDS
2024
2025

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OPEN HOUSE ROTATIONS



First Classroom Session
6:00pm-6:25pm



Second Classroom Session
6:30pm-7:00pm

Admin Goals for 2025-2026



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New Math

02

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Attendance

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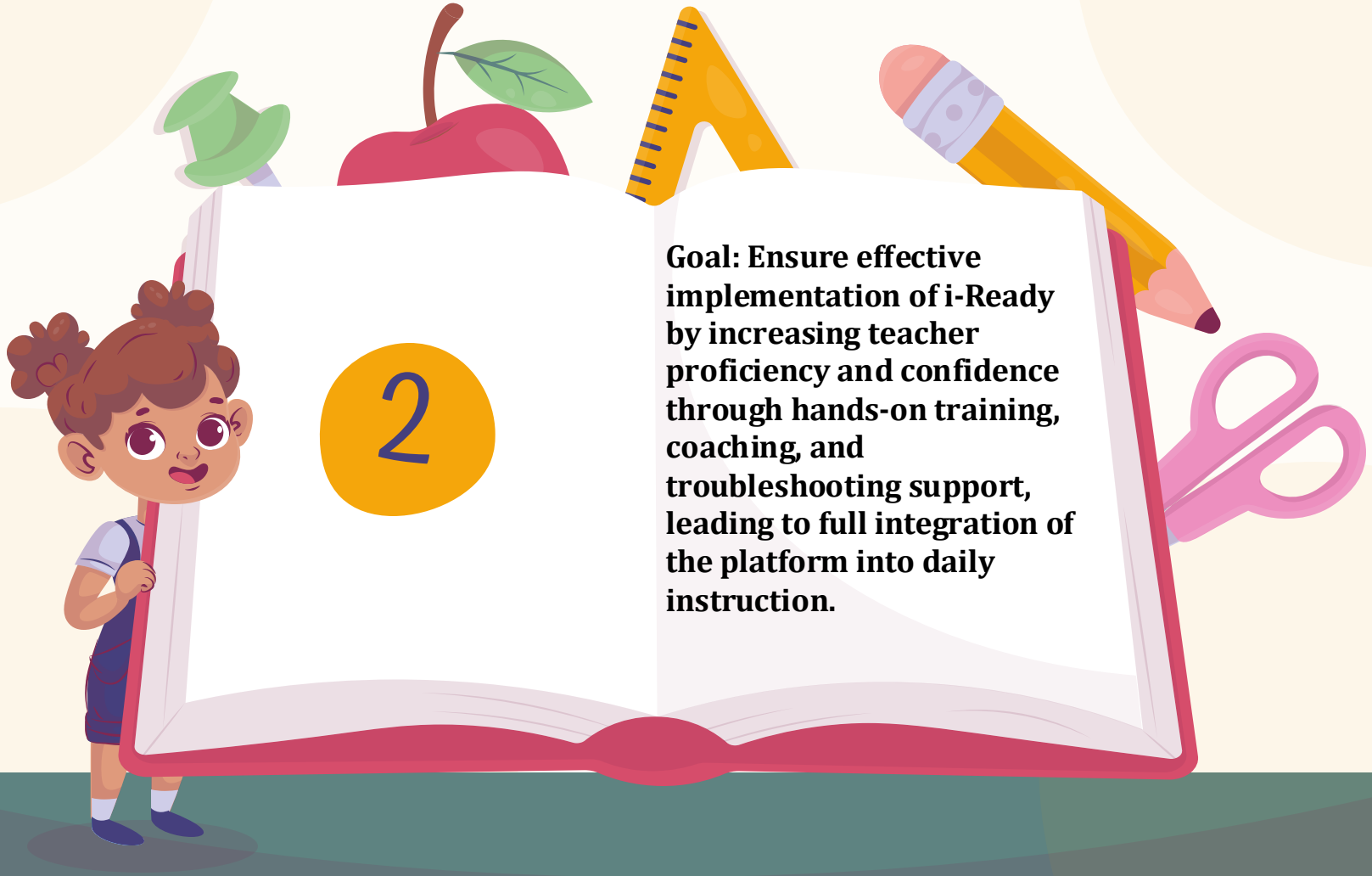
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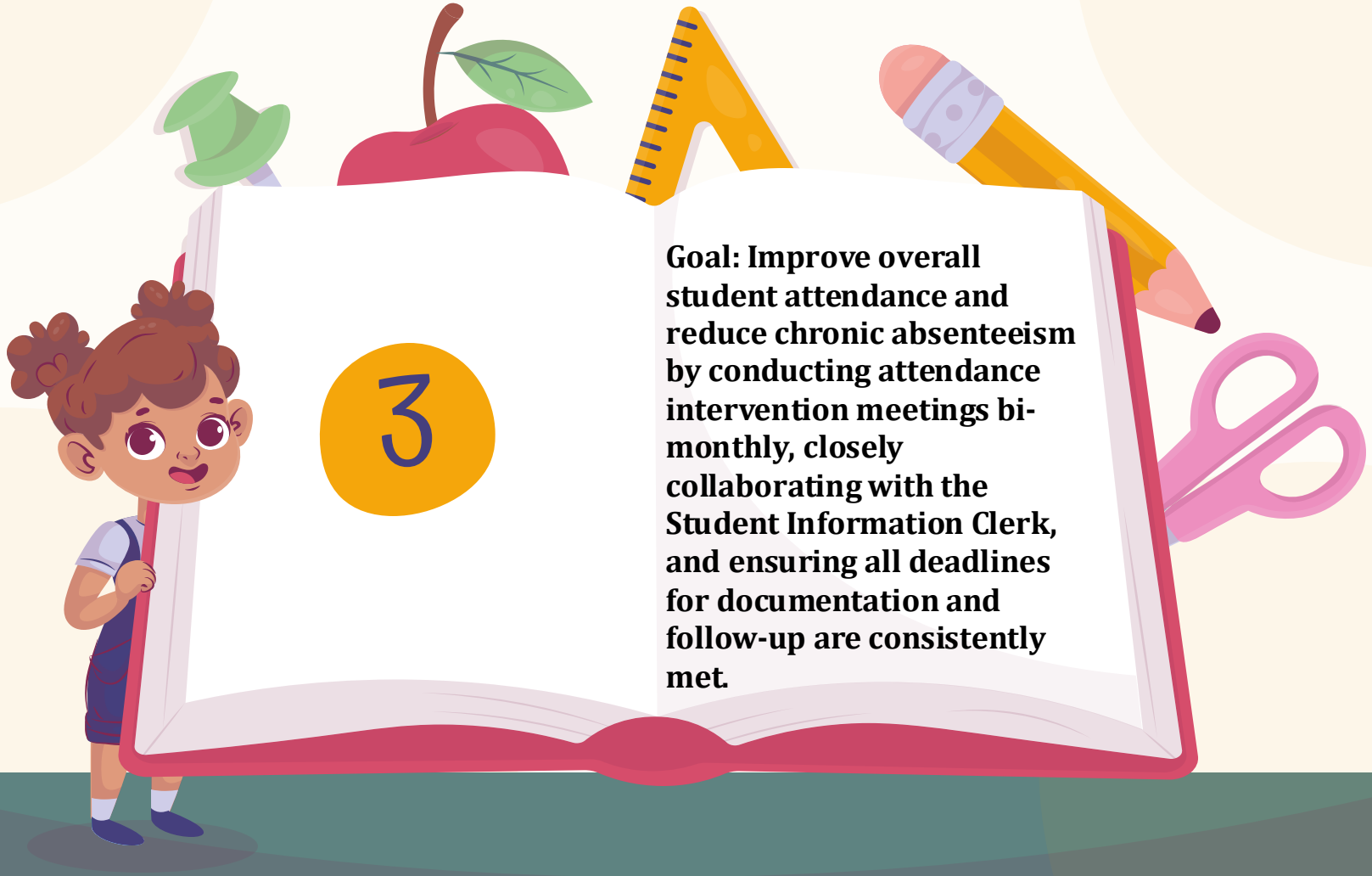


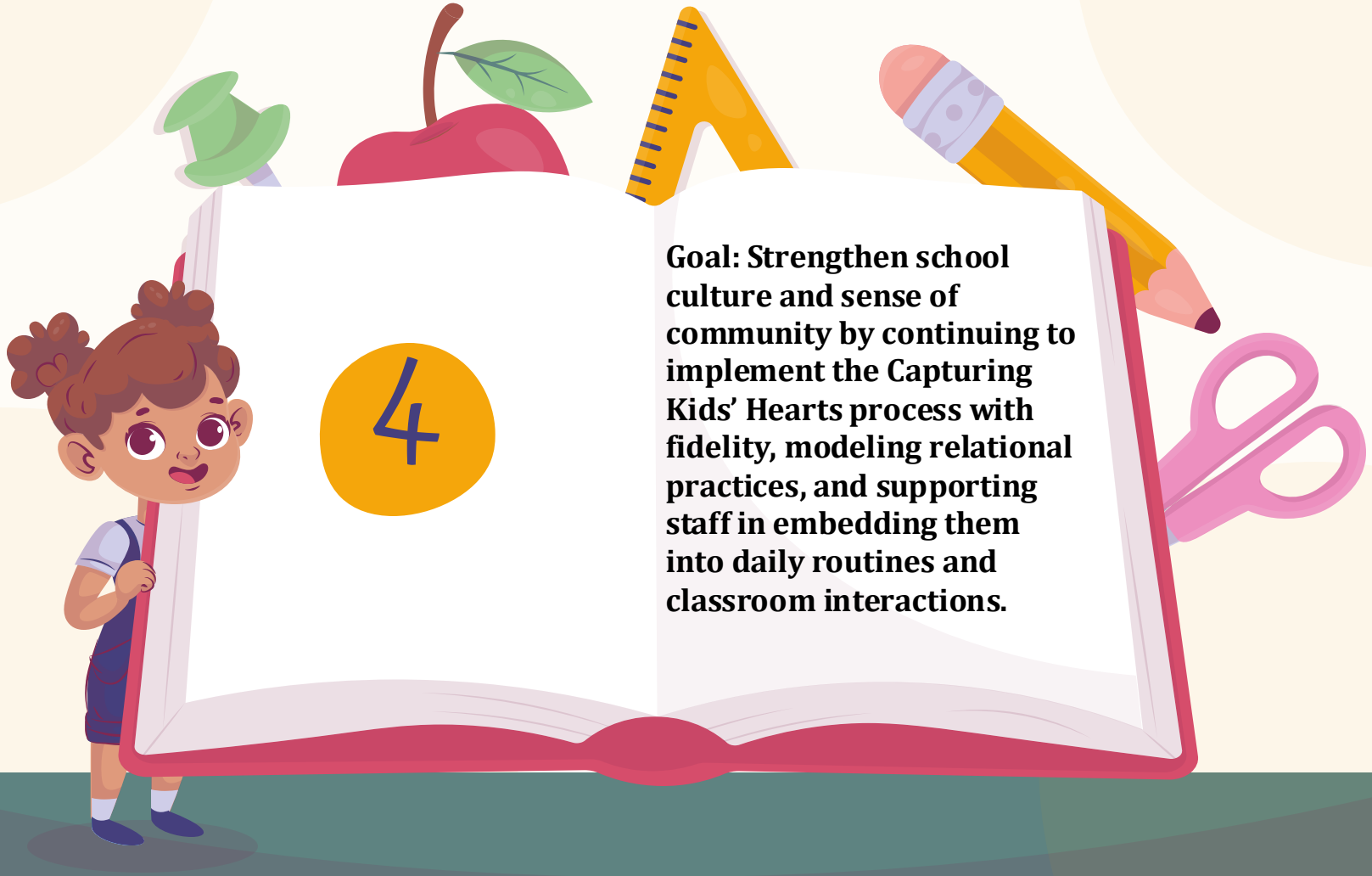


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Goal: Support the successful implementation of the new Math Standards by conducting regular classroom observations and providing targeted professional development. Ensure all math teachers receive actionable feedback and resources that improve instructional practices and align with the new standards.


2
Goal: Ensure effective implementation of i-Ready by increasing teacher proficiency and confidence through hands-on training, coaching, and troubleshooting support, leading to full integration of the platform into daily instruction.


3
Goal: Improve overall student attendance and reduce chronic absenteeism by conducting attendance intervention meetings bi-monthly, closely collaborating with the Student Information Clerk, and ensuring all deadlines for documentation and follow-up are consistently met.


4
Goal: Strengthen school culture and sense of community by continuing to implement the Capturing Kids' Hearts process with fidelity, modeling relational practices, and supporting staff in embedding them into daily routines and classroom interactions.

How can you support our schools growth?



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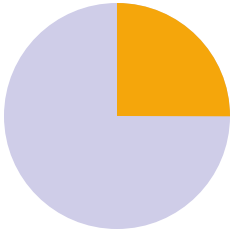
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Venus is the second planet from the Sun

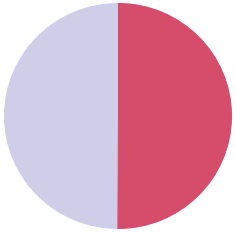






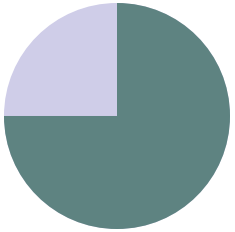
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Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

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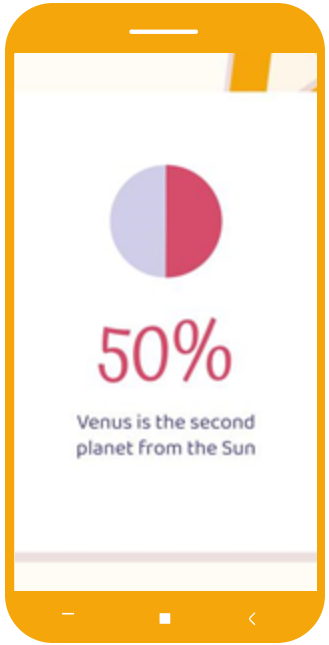


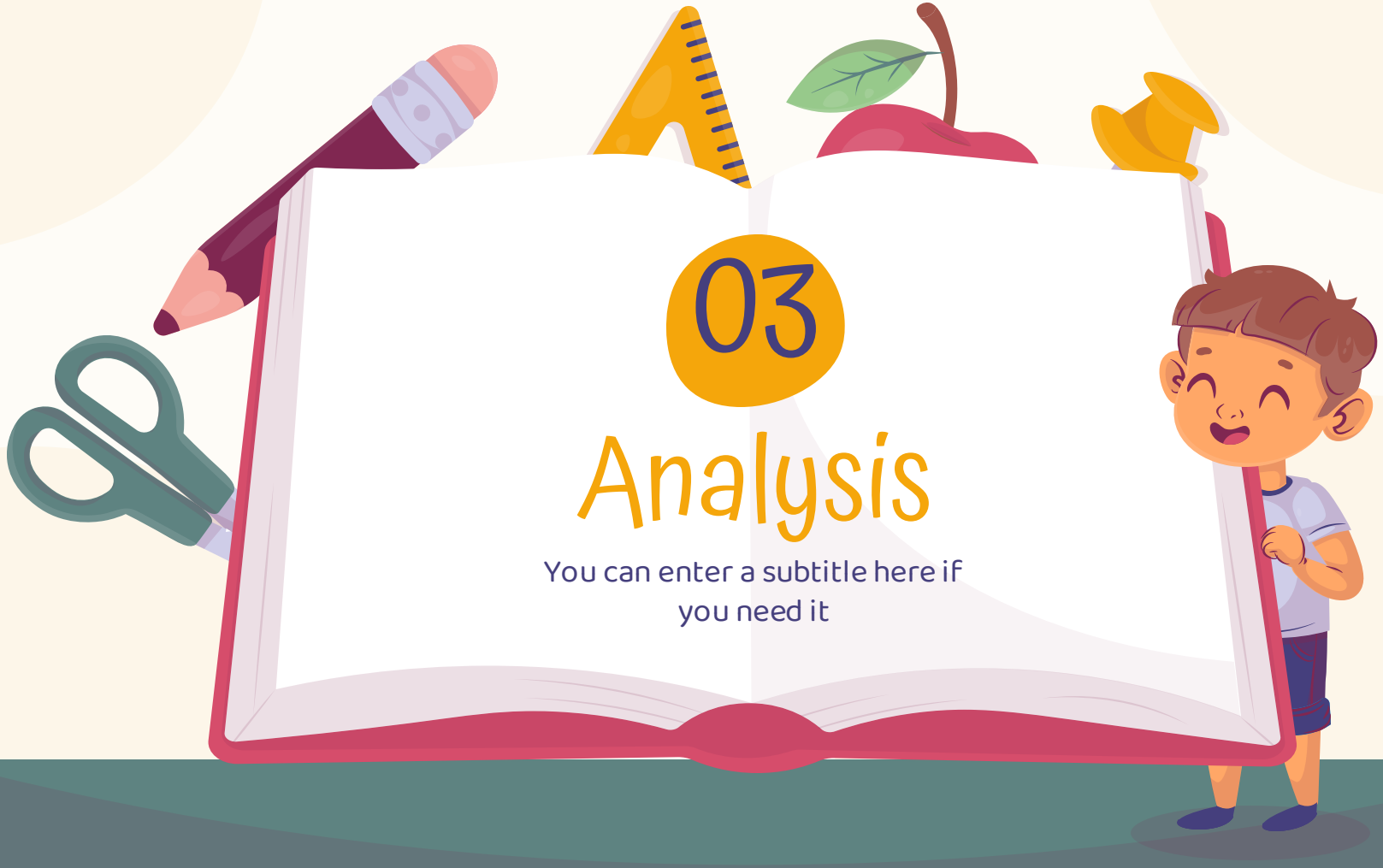
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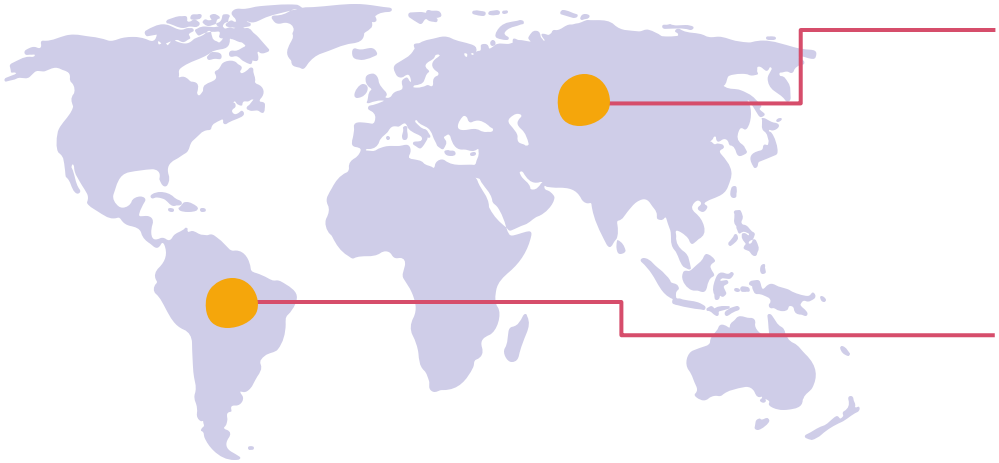
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Analysis
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This is a map



Venus

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

Jupiter

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

Our team



Jenna Doe

You can speak a bit
about this person here

Timmy Jimmy

You can speak a bit
about this person here



This is a timeline

Venus

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

1

Jupiter

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

2

Mars

Despite being red, Mars is a cold place

3

Saturn

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings

4

STAR behaviour

S

Safety

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

T

Teamwork

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

A

Achievement

Despite being red, Mars is a cold place

R

Respect

Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings

Behaviour reflection sheets

What did I choose to do?	Which rule did I break?	Why did I make this choice?
Venus is the second planet from the Sun	Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all	Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings

Emotional chart

Warning

Venus is the second planet from the Sun

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Awesome day

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Saturn is a gas giant and has several rings



Ready to learn

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

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Great day

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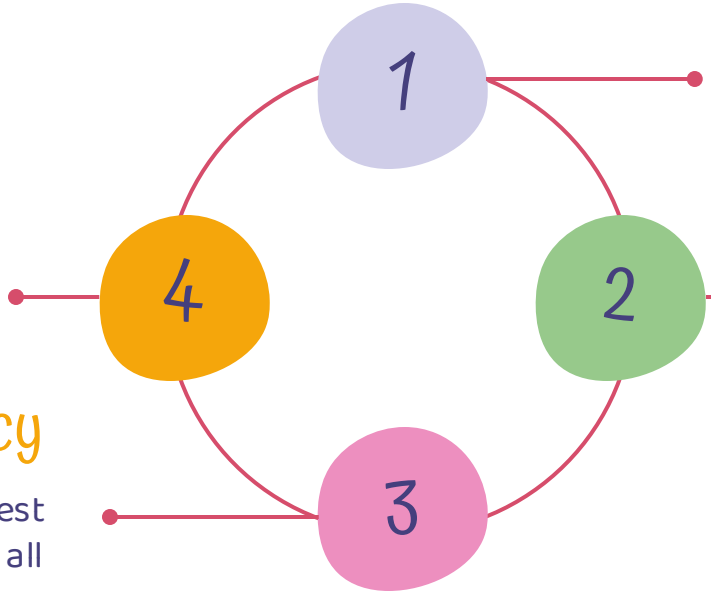
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Levels of behavior

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
• Safe • Responsible • Choices	• Acting angry • Not cooperating • Negative actions	• Disrespect • Dishonesty • Language	• Stealing • Vandalism • Violence

Positive behaviour



Expectations

Venus has extremely high temperatures

Modeling

Saturn is a gas giant with rings

Evaluation

Mercury is the smallest planet of them all

Consistency

Jupiter is the biggest planet of them all

Last conclusions

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the entire Solar System. This planet's name has nothing to do with the liquid metal, since Mercury was named after the Roman messenger god. Despite being closer to the Sun than Venus, its temperatures aren't as terribly hot as that planet's. Its surface is quite similar to that of Earth's Moon, which means there are a lot of craters and plains. Speaking of craters, many of them were named after artists or authors who made significant contributions to their respective fields. Mercury takes a little more than 58 days to complete its rotation, so try to imagine how long days must be there! Since the temperatures are so extreme, albeit not as extreme as in Venus, and the solar radiation is so high, Mercury has been deemed to be non-habitable for humans. We've already mentioned that Mercury is the smallest planet in the Solar System, but conversely, its core has the same size as Earth's! What's more, since Mercury's core contains so much iron—more than any other planet in the Solar System—that explains why Mercury is very heavy, and why it rotates so slowly

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Vectors

- Flat children back to school concept



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Photos

- Children drawing together in the classroom
- Students learning at school in their classroom
- Students learning at school in their classroom
- Teacher doing an english lesson online for his students
- Portrait of old female teacher in class

Vectors

- Hand drawn back to school background with students and book
- Hand drawn back to school instagram posts collection
- Illustrated happy children on their first day at school
- Children back to school
- Happy children on their first day at school
- Back to school with children and books
- Flat children back to school concept

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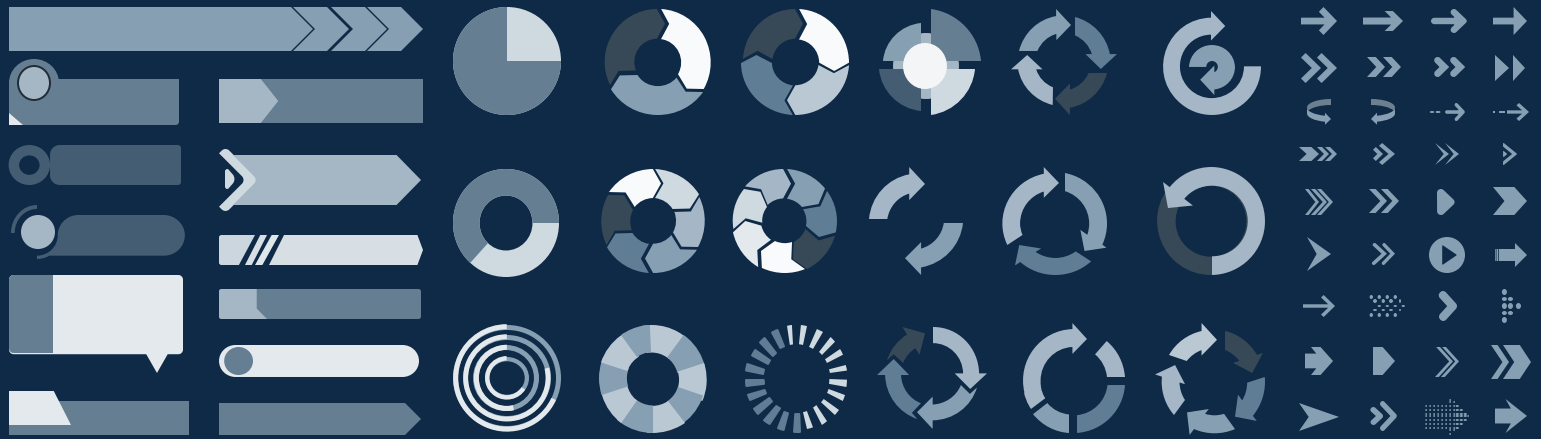
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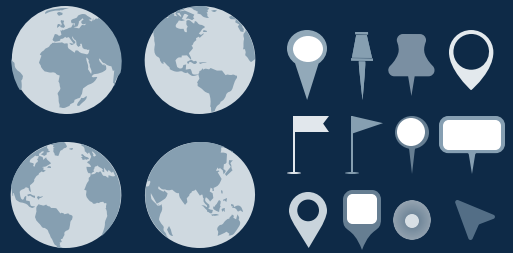
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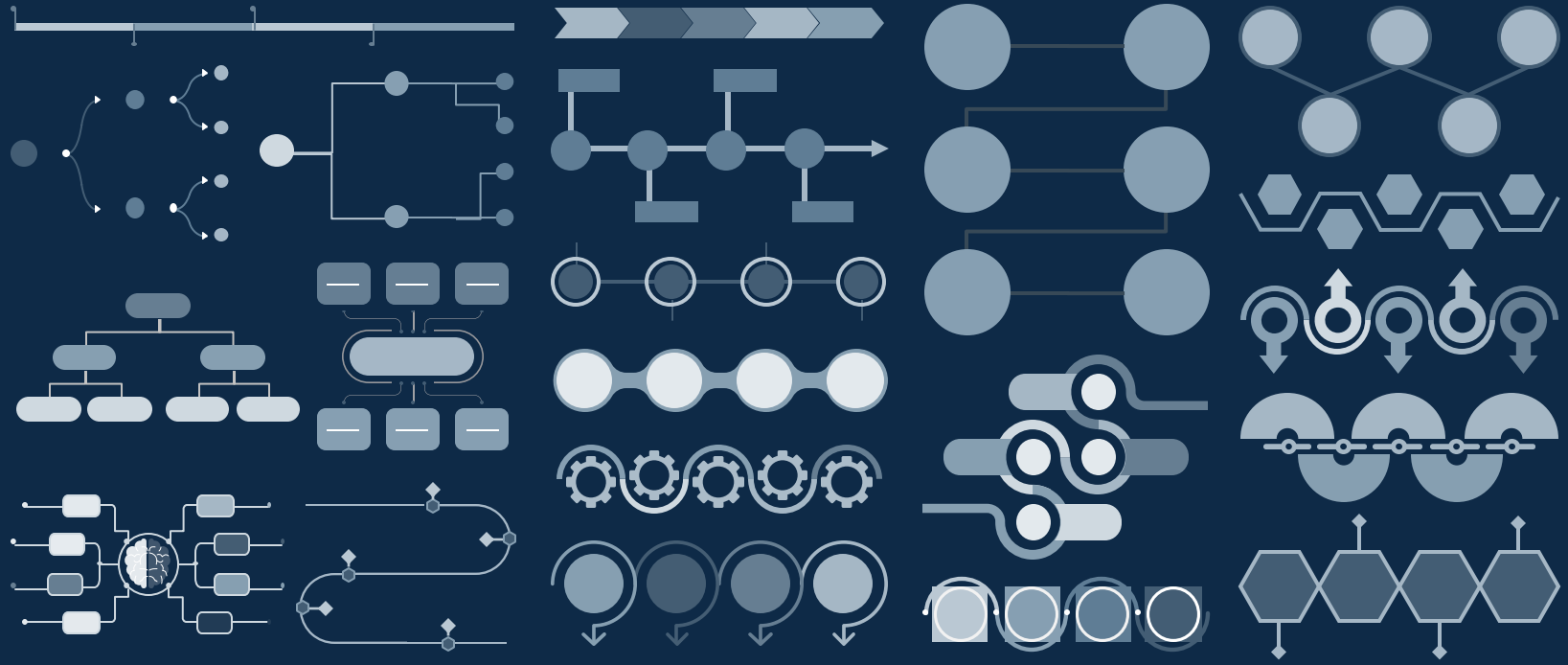
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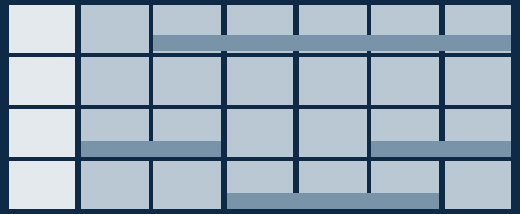


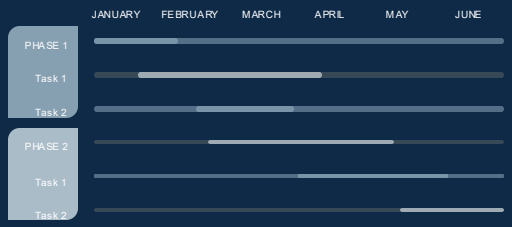


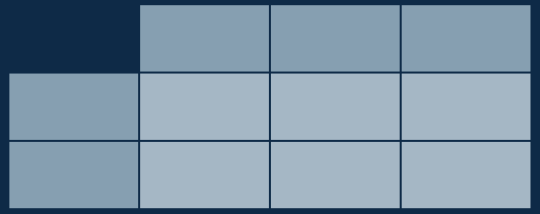


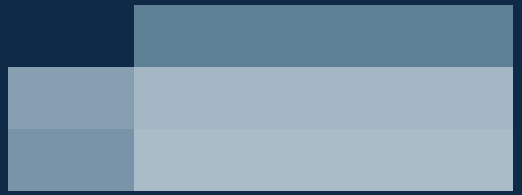



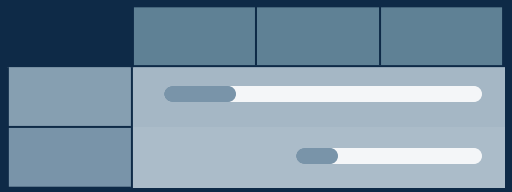


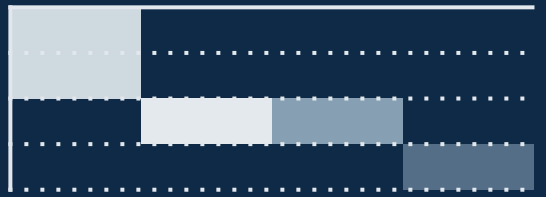


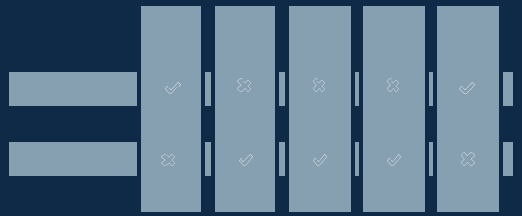

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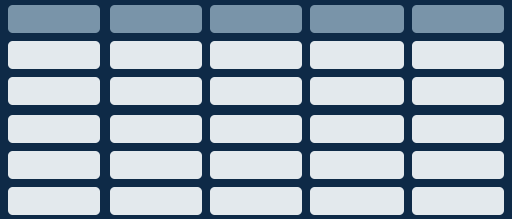


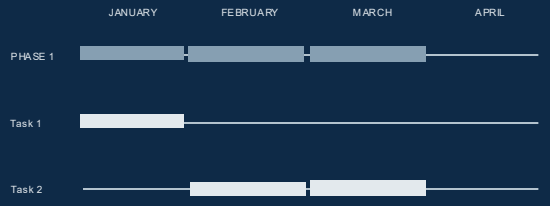











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