

# Mrs. Cowan's Newsletter

October 15, 2018

Thank you so much for your patience with homework last week. I am on the mend and getting more focused every day. In your student's KIT Binder there will be new homework this week. If you did not turn in a Homework Folder last week just place this week's homework in there and turn in everything this Friday.

This week we are working on creating a tool or other object to communicate using light and sound. Students will get the opportunity will get to make rain sticks, light messages, silhouettes, etc. to eventually use in our haunted house. **I am looking for a volunteer this week (on your own time) to hang black covering on the walls in the Makers Lab.** If you are available let me know. In writing we are focused on writing narrative stories, complete sentences, and ideas. In math this week we are using related facts to help us quickly add and subtract (1st) and writing numbers 0-10(K). In reading we are all doing a wonderful job at each individual level. In our small groups everyone is working at their own pace and have reached many of my personal expectations. Collectively, the whole class will be working on the -ot word family and will be reading *Potluck* with the purpose of retelling the story with key details and understanding how illustrations relate to the words written on each page.

Harvest Festival is right around the corner. Amanda Alameida (VP of TBBC) has done such an amazing job that I didn't even realize that she got all the volunteers for our booth this year! I am very grateful for all her hard work and know the event will be great! As a result, I am canceling the sign up I created on Konstella. **So if you signed up on the EVENT I CREATED (not the one made by Amanda) just know you will not be responsible to show up at that time.** However, Amanda is in great need of more volunteers, so be sure to check out her sign up to volunteer at the other stations, such as food or door. We have one booth ready to go, but if you have a great idea (game or activity) for the Harvest Festival please contact me ASAP.

Last, our classroom Halloween Party is coming up on 10/31. I will need at least 5 volunteers. I will put it out on Konstella and hang a sign up sheet outside my classroom door. Since it is a little tricky this year with our new food policy I will also put a sign up for healthy snacks and a few donations for activities. Our party will begin at 8:30. Students are allowed to wear a costume, however no face masks or props. Although they are young, we are also encouraging costumes that are not "scary" in nature.

## Academic Focus

**Reading:** short o, abc order, sound blending for cvc and blends, abc order, alliteration, double consonants

**Comprehension** Use Illustrations to Describe Key Details

**Math:** Add and Subtract within 10 (1st), Counting, Identifying numbers 0-10(K)

## Project Focus

**Social Studies:** Who's in Charge?

**Science:** Light and Sound: Engineering

**Emotional:** Understanding Feelings through the face, body and communication

## Calendar

Earthquake drill  
Thursday, October 18  
10:18am

TBBC Harvest Festival  
Friday, October 26  
4:00-7:30 pm

Halloween Party  
Wednesday, October 31  
8:30-9:55 am

End of Trimester 1  
Friday, November 2

Retake School Photos  
Thursday, November 8

TBBC Meeting with Childcare  
Thursday, November 8  
3:00pm

Teacher Work Day - NO SCHOOL  
Friday, November 9

AUSD Board Meeting  
Wednesday, November 14

## AVCCS News

Have you joined Konstella yet? You Should!

Presale tickets are available before and after school in the office for the Harvest Festival. Pay only \$8 now for a wrist band or \$10 at the door.

Costumes should be "family friendly" at the Harvest Festival and at school on 10/31

Thank you,  
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