

Mrs. Cowan's Newsletter

April 8, 2019

This week we are exploring arch, truss, and suspension bridges. We will be making and testing different bridges to then decide which bridge they are going to present as a good bridge to build over the Auburn Ravine. Students will work in groups of 4 when we return from break to construct their final bridge.

Next week, there is no school for **Spring Break is April 15-19. We HAVE SCHOOL on the following Monday, April 22nd off.** In the past we have had this day off, but this year we have to have the school day to make up for the smoke day in November. This day will be an early dismissal day for grades 1-5 (Kinder is regular dismissal) at 1:25pm. Please contact me if you would like independent study for that day.

Progress reports will be sent home Friday 4/26. As a result of the data collected from this reporting period I will be sending home in their homework flash cards of sight words and a book for specific students to practice at home. This book should be read **by the student nightly**. The book also needs to be returned every Friday so that they can get a new one. You will be notified in an email if your student will be participating in this new homework program.

Academic Focus

Reading: ow, continue to review and practice other concepts

Math: Addition using place value (I); Decompose and Represent Numbers to 5 (K)

Project Focus

Social Studies: Changes Over Time; Transportation

Science: Engineer Bridges

Emotional: Observation (Life Ingredients); Solving Problems (Second Step)

Calendar

Wednesday, April 10
6:30pm

AUSD Board Meeting

Thursday, April 11
3:00pm

TBBC Meeting with Childcare

Thursday, April 11
4:30pm

4th Annual AVCCS Talent Show & Chili Cook Off

Friday, April 12
2:30pm

TBBC MEETING

Monday, April 15-19
Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)

Thank you.

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AVCCS News

Chili Cook Off

Thursday, April 11
5:30

Talent Show
6:30

Independent Study Policy

This is a very valued program here at school and allows for us to capitalize as much funding as possible for our small school. When requesting IS the day your child might be out be sure to email or call before school starts. If possible I will try to provide a packet to print at home. If I am unable to do so please use the the Academic Focus area of this newsletter to create content at home and to be returned the following day. Also, you can use the following as daily practice when creating IS at home. Be sure to have students show their work on a piece of paper in their own writing as evidence of work.

- ✓ Spelling Practice Activity
- ✓ Student Reads Book 2x
- ✓ Parent Reads Book Aloud - discuss and write character setting and events
- ✓ Write numbers to 100. Practice Place Value
- ✓ Addition and Subtraction Practice
- ✓ Write a story about a historical figure
- ✓ Write an informative story about a scientific topic of study