

Mrs. Cowan's Newsletter

Week 26

This week we start off the week celebrating Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Day! Throughout the week we will continue our study of plant and animal defenses, maps and globes, and solving addition word problems with multiple strategies.

The students have a **new homework project assignment** that went home in the homework folder today. Although providing pictures for the assignment is optional, the assignment itself is not optional. Please gather copies of photos (or photos you don't mind not getting back in the same way they were turned in) and turn them in with the homework folder **this Friday**. Please note that you will **not be receiving these pictures back and they will be cut and glued in our project**.

Also, attached to this newsletter is notice about another project we will start next week: Leperchaun Traps. Please read over the directions/donations needed. There is also a newsletter from the VAPA teacher.

On Wednesday, you will receive a reminder notice of your conference appointment for next week. If you did not make one (only those who received the mandatory notice), an appointment will be made for you. Be sure to put the date in your calendar.

Next week we have minimum days! Lunch moves to 10:20 and dismissal is at 12:20.

No reading folders will be sent home this week.

Weekly Folders

Green Folders go home on Monday and returned on Friday

Clear Folders go home on Wednesday and are returned on Thursday.

Library books are returned on Thursday.

Blue Folders go home on Friday and returned on Monday.

NEW Reading Folders will be sent home on Fridays and returned the following Friday.

Academic Focus

Language Arts: long vowel digraphs: ee, ea, ie, _e

Comprehension: text features, find text evidence

Math: addition word problem strategies

Science: Animal Structures and Functions

Social Studies: Maps and Globes

Social Emotional: Gratitude

Calendar

Monday, March 2

Minimum Day

Sees Candy Fundraiser Starts

Friday, March 6

VAPA

Monday, March 9 - 13

Minimum Days - Spring Conference Week

Monday, March 9

5:00pm

PTC Meeting

Monday, March 23

Boosterthon Pep Rally

Tuesday, March 24

Chipotle Spirit Night Out

Thursday, March 26

Spring Picture Day

8:30am

Go in' Buggy Dress Rehearsal/Assembly

Friday, March 27

1:00pm

Art Decent

Twin Oak News

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Donations

Other

- old portable
- CD players,
- maracas,
- small drums,
- recorder
- empty tissue boxes,
- whoopee cushion
- kite string
- balloons,
- aluminum pans,
- paper cups,
- rubber bands

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Leprechaun Traps!



Hi families,

Next week, students will be working in groups to plan and build leprechaun traps. We are in need of some “trash” to help us with our project. Please collect and send in items that may be useful for trap making. Here are some ideas of “trash” we can recycle:

- Shoe or small boxes
- String or yarn
- Rubber bands
- Toilet paper rolls
- Pieces of tin foil
- Berry boxes
- Bit of green paper/ fabric
- Costume jewelry (for bait!)

VAPA Update ~ February 2020

Kelly Greenfield- VAPA Teacher

Hello Twin Oaks Families,

We have been very busy in VAPA over the past Trimester! I always encourage students to go home and talk about what we are doing, but as a mother of two, I realize that this does not always happen... so I figured an update was in order.



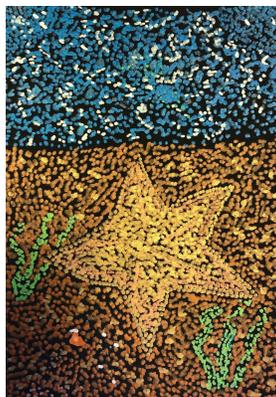
Sometime during this week or so, your child will be bringing home their artwork (from VAPA) that they have worked on since the beginning of the year. Next week we start our clay unit and then move onto glazing after that. The students have been asking to bring home their work, so it seemed like a fitting time to create a portfolio to send home. On the cover of the portfolio you will find a list of all of the projects that we worked on together. Please take some time to talk with your children about each piece that they have created. There are some very proud kiddos out there!

During the month of February through mid march there is Twin Oaks student art work hanging at the District office. The art pieces are from 2nd, 5th and 6th grade. If your child does not receive their Square 1 Art back, this means it is likely hanging at the D.O. These pictures will be returned at the end of March. The student artwork made for a beautiful display, as seen in the picture below.

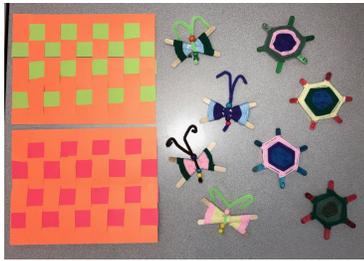


All students from Kindergarten through 6th grade attend VAPA. We have had units on:

- Pointillism... We explored the artist Georges Seurat. Try asking your child if they remember where the Pointillism movement began. We spoke about this and looked at a map to locate this famous city. (K through 5th)



- Study of Lines and Shapes (all grades)
- Weaving (all grades)



K/2

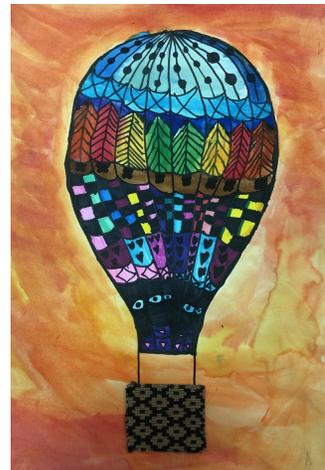


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- Color and Color Wheels that got more advanced with each grade (all grades)
- Warm and Cool Colors (2nd/3rd)
- Still Life fruit baskets (1st grade)



3rd/4th Grade
Hot Air Balloons

- Hot Air Balloons (Kinder through 4th)
- Mixed Media using fabric, paint, pens and colored pencils (5th/6th)



- Self-portraits (2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th)

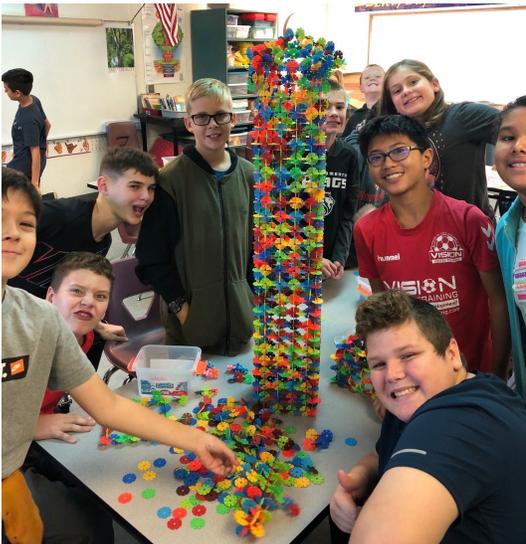


- Goin Buggy Sets for the upcoming performance (3rd Grade)



- And so much more...

Another wonderful opportunity that we have is time to engineer and create structures in class. Most K/3 classes are stations that include an art table, drawing table and at least one engineering table. I guide the younger students through our art lesson in smaller groups, which allows for more focus and opportunity to learn/create at a deeper level. Although there is not as much extra time with the older students, when given the opportunity to build they are as excited as the little ones.



As always, if you have any comments or questions feel free to stop by room 21 or e-mail me at kgreenfield@rocklinusd.org ~In addition I am always looking for volunteers and supply donations. Please reach out if you are interested in hearing more. Thank you for your wonderful children!