

THURSDAY FOLDER - NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

OPEN HOUSE is tonight! At 5:00 p.m. enjoy dinner compliments of *II Vicino* and our new family of CJ (they are also our *Schlotzsky's* connection). Then visit classrooms from 6 until 7 in 20 minute increments. An added event this year includes heading in to Jayma Reid and Laurie Buck's room (the *Reading Room*) and learn about logging on to

RAZ kids anytime, anywhere to expose your children to a comprehensive leveled library to build all reading skills. All students will have an account through the school that they can also access from home!

The Middle School has accomplished the task of leveling the MS students, assigning teachers to the respective focused instruction blocks and they have a set schedule for the Friday focused instruction piece. It may not sound like a big deal, but it is. Your middle school students will be receiving intense instruction, at their level, in both reading and math, taught by certified instructors, every Friday. This is a big deal. I want to personally thank the entire middle school team (including Clark and Gallegos) and Laurie Buck, our instructional coach, for their relentless commitment to this program and implementation. Students will start on Friday, September 26. Ask them about it (after they've gone once or twice). Intermediate (3-5) and Primary (k-2) will also begin a structured focus instruction model in the coming weeks. This is a big step toward our improved academic focus at NVA!

Just a reminder –

- Book Fair will be open through Friday at dismissal. Including tonight at Open House!
- Regular Governance Council has been moved to Thursday, Sept. 25, 4:15
- NM Smiles will be at NVA on September 23 and 24 offering routine (free) dental checkups to students who fill out the release.

There are several after-school opportunities available at NVA – they include;

Children's Choice

K-2 Garden Club (last Thursday of each month w Van Norden)

Guitar

Science classes (see separate flyer)

Tutoring (ind teachers) Honor Society (Wednesdays)
Cheer Joy Jumpers (coming soon)

If you have questions, concerns, ideas or kudos, please feel free to contact any of us. smcconnell@nvanm.org – 998-0501 x136 rbarton@nvanm.org – 998-0501 x129 Chief Operations Officer





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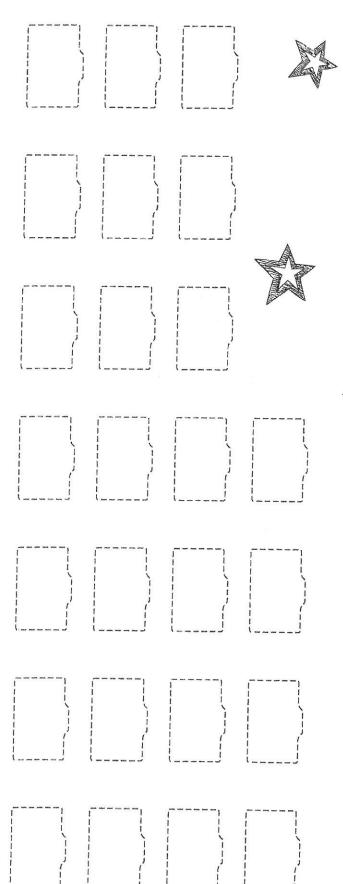








Send completed sheet to your school.



Teacher name:

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Hands-on Science Workshops

Children's Choice is the after-school program at NVA. If you are interested in STEM training for your child, this is a unique opportunity. It introduces them to the world of Science & Engineering & makes it fun. All at an amazingly low price!

Children's Choice has 2 (yes...two!) Science Workshops.

- \checkmark Grades $K 2^{nd}$meets on Wednesdays (after school)
- ✓ Grades 3rd 5th.....meets on Mondays (after school)

3:00 pm - Science enrollees go to the NVA gym & get a snack

3:30 pm - Kids move to a classroom for the Science Workshop

4:45 pm - Kids return to NVA gym – Professional supervision

6:00 pm - Last pick-up for all kids

\$10 = Cost of Workshop - for kids in Children's Choice\$

\$25 = Cost of Workshop - for kids not in Children's Choice

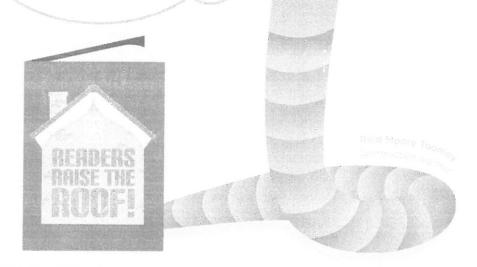
This is not a lecture-type class. Students in the Science Workshop get to make things and understand how science actually works in our lives. They handle different textures, materials, colors and elements. They learn while having fun!

This is the first week of the 2 Science Workshops and there are just a few slots still open in each workshop. The workshops are scheduled for the entire first semester (what a bargain!). Applications are available in NVA Administration. Act fast!

IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL READ!

"READERS RAISE THE ROOF!"
A FAMILY READING WORKSHOP

LEARN SIMPLE
(AND FUN!) THINGS
YOU CAN DO TO HELP
YOUR CHILD BECOME A
SUCCESSFUL READER.



Lay a solid foundation for reading at home by designing a customized blueprint for your family

Construction-themed workshop (grades K-3)

WHEA: Thursday, Sept. 25, 5:30-6:30

WHERE: NVA Cafeteria (5:00 pizza served)

LEAD YOUR READER

Because parent involvement is the most important factor in a child's reading success!

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