

Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

It was so great to talk with (most of) my students over the phone last week. I will continue to try to reach students I wasn't able to talk with this week. If you are getting calls/messages from 209-425-3582 – that's me! Feel free to call me back or text me at this number.

This week, students should continue to check in with our Google Classroom (Mrs. Ponte's 5th Graders). Every morning I post a video message for students in the "Classwork" section and give them some information about what they can do during their "school day."

PYA will be passing out a NEW packet for "Week 2" of home learning. These new packets can be picked up on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 or during breakfast/lunch distribution time all week from 11:30-12:30.

Last week I sent a Technology Survey link in Remind. Please fill out the survey, even if your family is not in need of any technology at this time. Thank you!

Important Dates

March 23rd - April 17th: NO SCHOOL

March 30th - April 3rd: Virtual Spirit Week!
Send me pictures or post to our Facebook Page. (See page 2 of this newsletter for the theme of each day.)

March 30th - April 3rd: *NEW* SUSD Learning Packets available at PYA from 7:30-8:30 and breakfast/lunches from 11:30-12:30.

What's Up this Week?

Here are some things that students can work on from home:

Check Google Classroom (Mrs. Ponte's Fifth Graders) for a morning message and optional activities.

READ! Keep up with your 40 Book Challenge by recording each book you read in your Reader's Notebook. Leave a book review in Flipgrid if you want!

Work on "My Path" in i-Ready (use SUSD Quicklinks to access. Make sure you're logged into Google with your SUSD log in and password.) **Students can now practice Math AND Reading in i-Ready.**

Studies Weekly, Week 8 (I sent home the paper copy to read. Complete the activities on the paper copy, or you can access it online if you want using the SUSD Quicklinks.)

Continue working on the Week 1 SUSD Packet and pick up Week 2 packets starting on Monday, March 30th (Packets can also be downloaded on Monday by going to www.stocktonusd.net)

Learner Profile Trait
of the Month:

Knowledgeable

Congratulations to Alijah for winning this award, voted on by her classmates!

This month's Learner Profile Trait of the month is:

Reflective

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience.

We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

There's more! SEE PAGE 2!

How to connect with Mrs. Ponte:

I will continue to be available to respond to emails (mponte@stocktonusd.net) and Remind messages. Teaching from home is a new experience for me, so I'll do the best I can to respond to your questions in a timely manner! I also know that many of you are still working from home or out of the home. I appreciate everything you're doing to support your child at this time – we'll all help each other!

This week I will be setting up a "Google Meet" where students can log in at the same time and see each other. This is optional, of course, but many students have asked for a way to see their classmates all "together." I will send a meeting code/link to you through Remind and also post it in my Google Classroom when I schedule a day/time. Students can participate on phones, tablets, or computers with a camera.

Daily Schedule:

Several of you have asked me about a schedule for your child. I understand that every family will have a different way to do this "home learning" thing, so I don't want to force you to follow any schedule that doesn't work for your family. But, if it helps, here's what I am doing with my own 5th grader at home:

Morning:

Read a book of your choice: 30 minutes

Pencil/Paper time: This could be working on SUSD packet, drawing, writing, etc: 30 minutes

PE (inside or outside): 30 minutes

Afternoon:

Check Google Classroom FIRST, then:

30 minutes i-Ready Reading

30 minutes i-Ready Math

30 minutes free choice technology
(I have posted some links in Google Classroom of some art activities, our class Flipgrid topics where students can post their own videos, and some Science stuff that students might be interested in.)

Rest of the day:

Playing outside/inside, chores, and pretty much anything else as long as it doesn't burn down our house..hahaha!

Virtual Spirit Week 3/30/20- 4/3/20

Monday 3/30/20



Superhero Day

Let's wear our superhero gear to honor our essential employees (i.e. hospital workers, first responders, grocery store employees, and other essential personnel).

Tuesday 3/31/20



PYA Falcon Wear Day

Wear your falcon wear to show your school spirit.

Wednesday 4/1/20



Wear Blue Day

Support Autism Awareness Day.

Thursday 4/2/20



Jersey Day

In honor of our favorite sports teams that are not able to play.

Friday 4/3/20



Pajama Day

Wear your favorite PJs while learning at home.

PYA Families- Please post your students showcasing their school spirit on PYA's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/primaryyearsacademy/>

Home Technology Survey:

K8 English

<https://bit.ly/SUSDK82020>

K8 Spanish

<https://bit.ly/SUSDK82020S>