

SAAVAS Topic 5 School to Home Letter

Dear Family Member or Caregiver,

In the Topic “Rocks, Soil, and Water”, students learn about rocks and other natural resources.

The experiences in this topic are:

- Experience 1: The Sky
- Experience 2: Weather
- Experience 3: Seasons

In Experience 1, students observe, describe, and classify rocks by size, shape, color, and texture. Then, in Experience 2, they observe and give examples of how people use rocks, soil, and water every day.

The main content TEKS covered in this topic are:

- K.10A Describe and classify rocks by the observable properties of size, shape, color, and texture.
- K.11 Observe and generate examples of practical uses for rocks, soil, and water.

And the main SEPs and Recurring Themes and Concepts TEKS are:

- K.3C Listen actively to others’ explanations to engage respectfully in scientific discussion.
- K.5C Describe the properties of objects in terms of relative size (scale).
- K.5E Identify properties of matter.

One of the best ways for students to check on their learning is to explain it to someone else. Ask your student about their class experiences, and ask them to explain the content that they are learning while at school in their own words or, if relevant, in their first language.