SAVVIS Topic 1 School to Home Letter

Dear Family Member or Caregiver,

In the Topic “Objects”, students learn about matter and its properties.

The experiences in this topic are:

- Experience 1: Building with Parts
- Experience 2: Properties of Objects
- Experience 3: Changes to Materials

In Experience 1, students demonstrate and explain that a whole object is a system made of organized parts that can be taken apart and put back together again. Then, in Experience 2, students classify objects by observable physical properties such as shape, color, and texture, and by attributes such as size and weight. Finally, in Experience 3, they explain and predict changes in materials that are caused by heating and cooling.

The main content TEKS covered in this topic are:

- 1.6A Classify objects by observable physical properties, including, shape, color, and texture, and attributes such as larger and smaller and heavier and lighter.
- 1.6B Explain and predict changes in materials caused by heating and cooling.
- 1.6C Demonstrate and explain that a whole object is a system made of organized parts such as a toy that can be taken apart and put back together.

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

- 1.1A Ask questions and define problems based on observations or information from text, phenomena, models, or investigations.
- 1.3B Communicate explanations and solutions individually and collaboratively in a variety of settings and formats.
- 1.5C Describe the properties of objects in terms of relative size (scale) and relative quantity.
- 1.5D Examine the parts of a whole to define or model a system.

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.

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