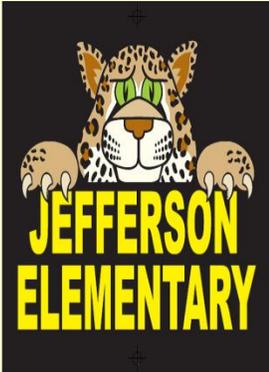


# Jefferson Elementary AVID Newsletter

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## AVID News



### *What is AVID?*

Advancement via Individual Determination is a belief that *all* students have the ability to attend college when they are given the skills they need to be successful scholars. Attending college becomes reality for students when they are taught the proper organizational, reading, and critical thinking skills.

AVID Elementary is what Jefferson School offers to students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Students are equipped with organizational materials such as binders and planners and academic strategies. These increase comprehension, critical thinking, and cooperative learning such as 2-column notes, Philosophical Chairs and Socratic Seminar to help students be prepared for more rigorous academic content when they reach middle, high school and most importantly college. All grade levels are exposed to a college going culture. The exposure and skills that are taught support student's academic advancement. Students are taught important facts about their college, and all teachers have their professional diploma displayed in their window.

Every Wednesday is college spirit wear. All students can wear their favorite college shirt, jacket, or jersey. AVID Elementary students are well prepared to meet the demands and rigor of college.

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### *How does Jefferson support AVID?*

Jefferson Elementary School supports AVID Elementary by supplying each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student with 3-ring binders, an academic planner, and a Jefferson AVID T-shirt. Teachers are required to attend AVID trainings where strategies are taught to teach students at a higher level and encourage collaboration among peers. Students are learning how to use 2-column notes and marking up the text to gain a better understanding and knowledge of the information they are reading. Mrs. Williams, Jefferson Elementary School Principal says, "The tools these 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are using at the elementary level are preparing our students for global success."

## Spotlight on Success: Room 20



Ms. Uribe's AVID class is unique in that it is made up of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. She does her best to prepare her students for success inside and outside the classroom. Ms. Uribe is also an advisor for Jefferson Student Council Members. Ms. Uribe feels that her students this year are tenacious and resilient. Tenacious in respect that her students are constantly striving for their best effort and resilient because she feels her class accepts constructive feedback graciously. This is the perfect example of using Growth Mindset. Learning from mistakes and always

striving to do your best is one of the reasons why Room 20 is Jefferson's Spotlight Classroom. Uribe has set an AVID goal for her class and that is to have 95% success with parent signatures in their planners. She says that her students have a love of reading which she is very proud of but also recognizes that many of her students are involved in extra-curricular activities. She is aware that it is difficult to get planners signed every night but she feels that goal can be accomplished. Students will attempt to be successful with parent signatures by sharing their DLIQ's (What I Did-What I Learned-What I find Interesting-What Questions do I have). This is an excellent way to connect learning at school with home and to share with parents each night what students are accomplishing in the classroom. Congratulations Room 20 for shining a spotlight on your success!

*Binders help you be organized because you can write down your homework in your planner so you know what homework you have. It also helps you because you know where your stuff is, like your pencils and homework. With your binder, you can be organized until you go into high grades and you won't have a problem being organized."*

*-Diego De Anda  
5th Grade*

## Quotes from our AVID students...

To me, being an AVID student means that I'm preparing for college when I'm barely in 4th grade. I'm learning how to be a responsible student. Being in AVID I get to learn how to be successful and to be a better person.

Katherine Garcia, 4th Grade, Class Treasurer

A binder helps keeping me organized by keeping my Planner, Passport, School Work, and my Homework. This binder helps me by keeping my desk cleared. It will help you do many things. Because of these Binders you don't have to look in your desk waiting like 5 minutes! Also when you have everything organized you don't have a jungle in your desk! For example, your teacher says "Take out your planner boys and girls," when she says that you can just take your planner out! Not taking forever to take your planner out from the very bottom of your desk!

Devin Morales, 5th Grade

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 4, 2018: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to CSULB
- ◆ January 30, 2019: Jefferson School Career Day
- ◆ February 1, 2019: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to Cerritos College

## My AVID Binder... A student's perspective

A binder helps me as a 5th grade student because it helps you organize yours papers. An organized binder can help in middle school, high school, and college because the binder travels with you. For example, when you are going to a doctor's appointment you can do your homework in the car or do it in the doctor's appointment. I like using a binder because it's your best friend and it travels with you. It also helps you stay organized so your papers don't get all over the place. I like using a binder because when you go in the classroom you are going to take out your papers from yesterday and you will know where it's at.

Christian Collazo, 5<sup>th</sup> grade



My AVID binder helps me stay organized and prepare for 6th grade. This can help me get through middle school, high school, and university/ college. My binder helps me look for my language arts, math, science, and ELD/SGI papers just in case I can't find them. We have dividers for this reason. My favorite part about my binder is it helps me during school and being organized. It can help us keep our materials in our zipper pouch, like a red pen, eraser, a black pen, lead pencils, and 2 regular pencils. That's how our AVID binders help us.



Kayla Ruiz, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

## Jefferson, a Pioneer of Success!

Jefferson Elementary School is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year of implementing AVID Elementary. Last year AVID began with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Binder checks, WICOR (Writing-Inquiry-Collaboration-Organization-Reading), 2-column notes and marking up the text have become regular strategies used in 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. This year 4<sup>th</sup> grade has implemented AVID strategies and students are doing a great job accepting these new academic strategies into their everyday routines.

Educators in the district have been impressed with the way Jefferson has implemented AVID Elementary in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades that many have come to observe students and teachers to see the great work we are doing at Jefferson. Students are motivated to learn, teachers are excited about new teaching methods, and academic expectations are being achieved.

