



Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

August 21 – August 25, 2017

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We read the Weekly Newsletter! Student: _____ Parent: _____

Dear Parents...

Thank you to all of the parents that came out last Thursday for Parent Information Night! I really enjoyed meeting (and re-meeting) everyone! While I know it was a lot of information to hear all at once, I hope the presentation was useful and you will take full advantage of our classroom website this year. Should you still have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! For those parents that were not able to make it to P.I.N., your child should have brought home a packet with all the necessary fourth grade information. If you did not receive this packet (or if you happen to need a second one), please let me know! ☺

In other news, some of our Social Studies and Reading assignments took a bit longer last week than planned for. As a result, please note that our test dates have shifted slightly for both subjects! The Benchmark Advance reading skills test will be this Thursday, but it will be completed whole-class, as it is far different than reading tests they have had in the past. The open-book Social Studies test will be moved to next Tuesday. Social Studies will be completed individually, so I highly recommend taking the textbook home as a study tool.

Also, this Friday, the ODD-numbered students will be responsible for memorizing and presenting the poem below! Even-numbered students will present a different poem next week. Late performers will be given the opportunity to present on Monday for HALF credit. If a student is not prepared at that time, they will earn zero points!

This Week's Math and Social Studies Standards / Test Dates

This Wednesday, students will test on Topic 3: Place Value. As a reminder, all Math tests are open-note! Thursday we will begin Topic 4: Addition and Subtraction of Whole Numbers. In Topic 4, the students will learn to estimate sums and differences of whole numbers using the same Rounding Rap they learned in Topic 3. They will also work on adding and subtracting multiple numbers, up to six digits each. Your child will also focus on subtracting across zeros with regrouping, or "borrowing."

In Social Studies, we will discuss the major physical features of California, as well as the four natural regions of California (mountain, central valley, desert, coastal), their different elevations, natural resources, climates, animal life, and vegetation. The open-book Chapter 1 test will be next Tuesday, August 29th!

Language Arts Theme and Skills

Theme: Government in Action

Reading Objective: I will be able to read and analyze informational and literary texts about government.

Essential Question: "How can government influence the way we live?"

Grammar Skills: Punctuate Quotations & Capitalize Proper Nouns

Writing Skill: Non-Fiction Expository

Vocabulary Terms

1. **financial:** (pg.10)
of or pertaining to money

Be a buddy, not a bully!

Before you speak:

THINK

T = Is it True?

H = Is it Helpful?

I = Is it Inspiring?

N = Is it Necessary?

K = Is it Kind?

Spelling Words

Test Date: Friday, August 25th

1. centuries 2. geography 3. everyone 4. easy
5. overseas 6. representative 7. residents 8. these

Sound/Spelling Skill Patterns:

Long e and Short e

Do NOT capitalize spelling words!

Weekly Poem

(ODDS only) Due: Friday, August 25th

California's Regions (Part 1)

The Desert Region's brown,
There's cacti, snakes, and sand.
It's dry and hot each summer,
Corona's in this region's land!

The Central Valley's green,
It's where fruits and veggies grow
It's home to Cali's capitol,
The city, Sacramento!

Latest Q-Connect Update

Friday, August 18th

Monthly A.R. Goal

September 1st : 8 Points

Artist of the Month

Jackson Pollock

Homework

Monday:

Newsletter: Read, sign, and return!

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 3-6 Representing Numbers

Tuesday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: None (PBIS Day)

Wednesday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: Topic 3 Practice Test pgs.84-85 #1-19

Thursday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: None ☺ (Topic 3 Test Day)

Poem: Odd-Numbered Students