



Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

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

**** REMINDER: No School on Monday, September 4th in honor of Labor Day! ****

Dear Parents...

Last week was a busy one here at McKinley! We started our week with an incredible solar eclipse that our students were fortunate to witness with their kindergarten buddies (thanks, PTA for the donation of more than 700 solar glasses)! Later in the week, McKinley kids experienced a PBIS behavior tour of the school. The tour included presentations of McKinley student expectations in the hallways, cafeteria, office, playground, etc. I encourage you to discuss these expectations with your child to reinforce positive choices both in and out of the classroom.

As we advance into our second month of school, we fall into more regular 4th grade routines. To begin, the students' first grades have been posted to the Q online gradebook. Directions, usernames, and passwords were sent home in the Parent Information Night "Home Access" packet so that you may easily check your child's grades online. Students have also taken their iReady reading placements for Reading (the results of which will be sent home Friday), and are currently completing their Math placements. A.R. tests have also begun, as have our Wednesday lunches for unfinished work and retests. I am already so impressed with the proactive attitudes toward reading that I have witnessed over these first few weeks! Several students have chosen to read during their recess time in an effort to earn points, in addition to their nightly homework. Please keep up the hard work, and I look forward to the results of our fourth grade class reading competition!

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

In Math, we will finish Topic 4: Addition and Subtraction of Whole Numbers. In Topic 4, the students learn to estimate sums and differences of whole numbers using the same Rounding Rap from Topic 3. This week, they will work on adding and subtracting multiple numbers, up to six digits each, and focus on subtracting across zeros with regrouping, or "borrowing. The Topic 4 test will be next Wednesday, September 6th!

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. If your child would like to take their textbook home to study from, they may absolutely do so, but it is very important that they bring it back the following day for use on the test. The open-book Chapter 1 test will be Tuesday.

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: Combining Sentences & Punctuating Dialogue

Writing Skill: Non-Fiction Expository

Vocabulary Terms

- 1. apparently:** (pg.26)
what appears to be true based on what is known
- 2. authority:** (pg.29)
the power to give orders or make decisions
- 3. confined:** (pg.29)
a small space or area

Spelling Words

Test Date: Friday, September 1st

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|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. bowl | 2. dome | 3. floating | 4. from |
| 5. goes | 6. governor | 7. most | 8. shopping |

Sound/Spelling Skill Patterns:

Long o and Short o

Do NOT capitalize spelling words!

Homework

Monday:

Newsletter: Read, sign, and return!

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 4-1 Using Mental Math to Add and Subtract

Tuesday:

Newsletter: Read, sign, and return!

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 4-2 Estimating Sums and Differences of Whole Numbers

Wednesday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 4-3 Adding Whole Numbers

Thursday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 4-4 Subtracting Whole Numbers

Poem: Even-Numbered Students

Fall Fundraiser
Starts Thursday!

Latest Q-Connect Update

Friday, August 25th

Monthly A.R. Goal

September 1st : 8 Points

Artist of the Month

Jackson Pollock

Weekly Poem

(EVENS only) Due: Friday, September 1st

California's Regions (Part 2)

The Coastal Valley's blue,
Saltwater's within reach.

It spans 800 miles
Of rocky cliffs and sandy beach.

The Mountain Region's purple,
Their elevations can be "tall!"
There's snow and some volcanoes,
Forests, lakes, and waterfalls.