



# Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

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We read the Weekly Newsletter! Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

### Dear Parents...

Welcome to fourth grade! This is the first of many weekly newsletters to come. In each newsletter you will be notified of your child's weekly homework, spelling words, vocabulary terms, and other important information. Please look for his or her newsletter at the beginning of every week! It will also be posted to my website ([misshanrahan.weebly.com](http://misshanrahan.weebly.com)). I encourage you to visit the website frequently as it contains not just the weekly newsletter, but also links to online textbooks, educational games for students, an abundance of relevant 4<sup>th</sup> grade information for parents, and easy access to the Q-Connect online gradebook! Newsletters should be signed (by both parent and student) and returned each Tuesday so that I know you and your child are both aware of the week's upcoming tests and activities. Your child may keep their newsletter to use for future reference following Tuesday morning's signature check.

General information regarding our classroom procedures has been sent home for your convenience; however, I hope you will join me next Thursday at McKinley's Parent Information to hear more! PTA will hold a quick meeting at 6:00 in the multi, and I will present in our classroom (Room 401) at 6:30 and 7:00. Of course, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me! ☺

### This Week's Math & Social Studies/Science

In Math, we take guided notes daily! Your child will require a wide-ruled spiral notebook for this purpose. This week, we will begin with Topic 3: Place Value. In Topic 3, students will learn to read and write numbers up to six digits. They will compare numbers using the > (greater than), < (less than), and = (equal to) symbols, order numbers, and round. In addition to our daily Math practice, I will give a few short quizzes this week to measure your child's current mathematical proficiency. The diagnostic quiz topics will include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The quizzes will NOT count as a grade, but will be used to give me a better understanding of your child's specific mathematical needs.

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we rotate between Science and Social Studies (History) every four to six weeks. To begin the school year, we will focus on our Social Studies text. Your child will review the important features of a textbook this week, including the glossary, titles, captions, bold and italic words, etc. Students will be allowed to take textbooks home for review starting next week.

### Language Arts Theme and Skills

NONE ☺

Each week, students will read several short stories and passages (fiction and non-fiction) centered on a particular theme and reading strategy skills. Please note that students will NOT be tested on their comprehension of the material read in class, so there is no need for memorization. Students will, however, be tested on the reading strategies discussed while utilizing a new set of passages.

### Vocabulary Terms

NONE ☺

Your child will need to understand the meaning and proper use of the various vocabulary terms presented each week. They should practice finding the terms in their Language Arts booklet for better understanding in context, and practice using those words in their writing. While the students will not be tested on definitions, the weekly test DOES include the vocabulary terms, so it is important that your child is familiar with their meanings.

### Weekly Poem

NONE ☺

Your child will be responsible for memorizing and presenting a provided poem or song every other week. The poems are often based on current subject material, and act as a great study guide across the curriculum! Presentation grades will be included in your child's overall Oral Language grade.

### Homework

Students will have a Language Arts and Math assignment nightly. Homework is always due the next school day!

#### Wednesday:

**Parents & Students:** Review/Sign Weekly Newsletter

**Parents:** Student Information Form (this is DIFFERENT than the emergency forms that you may have already filled out for the school!)

#### Thursday:

**Language Arts:** "The Hanrahan Times" Newspaper

\*You will need to present your newspaper on Friday. Practice reading it aloud at home!

**Math:** "Math About Me"

### Latest Q-Connect Update

My online gradebook is updated every one to two weeks! Check it often!

#### Monthly A.R. Goal

September 1<sup>st</sup>: 8 Points

#### Artist of the Month

Jackson Pollock

### Spelling Words

NONE ☺

Your child will receive weekly spelling words that follow a particular spelling pattern or strategy. The students will be tested on all words at the end of each week.