



# Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

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

### Dear Parents...

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter is finding everyone happy and well-rested following our three week break! I had a lovely time visiting family out of state, and I hope all of you were able to spend time with your loved ones as well! ☺

This week, we will begin Language Arts by jumping right into our next core-literature unit. Our novel, By the Great Horn Spoon, is not only a great adventure story, but also follows along well with our upcoming gold rush unit! The students will be challenged with reading the entirety of a chapter book as a class (1-2 chapters per day), and completing several related activities to connect with the story in a deeper and more meaningful way. The kids will test every 6 chapters on both reading comprehension and vocabulary skills. The students' Language Arts homework will reflect the main ideas from the chapter of the day.

In other news, the Mother/Son Snow Day event is quickly approaching! It will be held next Friday, January 26th. PTA will start selling tickets (\$10 per person) Wednesday morning from 8:15-8:45am.

### This Week's Math & Social Studies Standards / Test Dates

In Math, we will begin our week with a review of multi-digit addition and subtraction, multi-digit multiplication, and basic long division. Wednesday, we will move into Topic 10: Developing Fluency: Dividing by 1-Digit Divisors. Some quotients (answers) will contain remainders, while others will not. Long division can be confusing for many students, so in class we practice using a simple mnemonic device to help us remember all of the steps in order. We say "Dad, Mom, Sister, Brother, Rover," which stands for "Divide, Multiply, Subtract, Bring Down, and Repeat (or "Remainder"). Students are also expected to check their answers by multiplying the quotient by the divisor, and adding the remainder.

In Social Studies, the students will begin Chapter 5: California, Here We Come! In Chapter 5, your child will learn about the Americans who headed west to find new opportunities in California. We will review how Mexico's struggle to keep American settlers out of California led to the Bear Flag Revolt, the Republic of California, and the Mexican-American War.

### Language Arts Theme and Skills

**Theme:** Core-Literature Unit

**Story:** By the Great Horn Spoon

**Summary:** *Twelve-year-old Jack, who lost both parents to cholera, lives in a big house on the east coast with his young, beautiful Aunt Arabella, two sisters, and faithful butler, Praiseworthy. As the family falls upon hard times in 1849, Jack learns the inheritance is nearly gone, and the house may have to be sold! Determined to help his aunt, Jack and Praiseworthy set out to California in hopes of striking it rich in the gold rush. They find themselves up against many obstacles, but manage to persevere by relying on wit, intelligence, creativity, and each other. Not only do they learn to be real gold miners, but they also learn what it means to be family.*

**Genre:** Historical Fiction



*"The time is always right to do what is right!"*

-M.L.K. Jr.

### Latest Q-Connect Update

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Monthly A.R. Goal

January 1<sup>st</sup>: 40 Points

February 1<sup>st</sup>: 48 Points

#### Artist of the Month

M.C. Escher

### Homework

**Monday:**

None ☺

**Tuesday:**

**Newsletter:** Read, sign, and return!

**Core-Lit:** Comprehension Review Ch.1

**Math:** None ☺ (Review Day)

**Wednesday:**

**Core-Lit:** Comprehension Review Ch.2-3

**Math:** 10-1 Division as Repeated Subtraction

**Thursday:**

**Core-Lit:** Comprehension Review Ch.4

**Math:** 10-2 Using Objects to Divide: Division as Sharing

**Poem:** Odd-Numbered Students (Due MONDAY)

### Weekly Poem

(Odds only) Due: MONDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### His Dream Lives On

M.L.K. wanted us to see  
The beauty of equality.

He had a dream that we would stand  
United in this sacred land.

That we would strive to find a way  
To live as friends in peace today.

He taught that showing love, not hate  
Would make our country truly great.

And so we shout, "Let freedom ring!"  
As we remember Dr. King!

### Spelling Words

Test Date: Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

- dropped
- because
- before
- clothes
- cousin
- decided
- different
- again
- first
- friend
- heard
- knew
- school
- money
- once
- know
- women
- asked
- pretty
- said

### Sound/Spelling Skill Patterns:

Frequently Misspelled Words

### Vocabulary Terms

Chapters 1-6

- stowaways:** (p.3)  
a person who hides aboard a ship, airplane, etc. to get free passage
- Argonauts:** (p.12)  
a person who went to California to hunt for gold in 1848-1849
- imposter:** (p.26)  
a person who cheats or deceives other by pretending to be someone he is not
- becalmed:** (p.34)  
brought to a stop by lack of wind
- provisions:** (p.47)  
food, supplies and equipment for future use
- sea yarns:** (p.50)  
sea stories and tales that often seem hard to believe
- notorious:** (p.52)  
widely known, but not liked
- rationed:** (p.62)  
to distribute fixed amounts of something in times when there are shortages