



Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

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

Dear Parents...

In Language Arts, we will complete our core-lit story, By the Great Horn Spoon. As a reminder, the kids should still be taking their books home regularly as a homework reference tool, but the books must be returned daily! The homework will count as both a Homework grade AND as a Written Language grade, so encourage your child to complete his or her work to the very best of their abilities. ☺ We will continue to discuss and review the majority of this work in class, but it is crucial that your child return his or her packet so that they may participate!

In other news, the 4th Grade Success Program has begun! Each participating student was provided with a calendar including which room number they should be attending to each day. If your child has not discussed the 4th Grade Success Program with you, please ask them to show you their invitation!

This Week's Math & Science Standards / Test Dates

In Math, your child will test on Topic 10: Developing Fluency: Dividing by 1-Digit Divisors, and then we will jump to Topic 16: Lines, Angles, and Shapes. Topic 16 teaches your child about geometry. In addition to learning about basic figures (such as points, lines, and planes), he or she will learn how to recognize and classify different plane figures (a figure that has two dimensions: length and width), including different types of polygons, triangles, and quadrilaterals.

In Social Studies, the students will complete 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. The Chapter 5 test will be Thursday.

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

Weekly Poem

(Odds only) Due: Friday, February 2nd

Divisibility Rules

(Part 2 of 2)

The number six divides into me,
As long as does two and three.

Number nine divides just fine,
If the sum equals nine!

I'm number ten, and this you should know:
I always end in a big zero.

Remember these rules, and you will see,
Division can be really easy!

Latest Q-Connect Update

Friday, January 19th

Monthly A.R. Goal

January 1st: 40 Points

February 1st: 48 Points

Artist of the Month

M.C. Escher

Spelling Words

Test Date: Friday, February 2nd

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| 1. sea | 2. against | 3. turned | 4. alarm |
| 5. point | 6. our | 7. toward | 8. fourth |
| 9. usually | 10. money | 11. seen | 12. group |
| 13. later | 14. some | 15. whole | 16. would |
| 17. could | 18. should | 19. hear | 20. knew |

Sound/Spelling Skill Patterns:

Frequently Misspelled Words

Homework

Monday:

Newsletter: Read, sign, and return!

Core-Lit: Comprehension Review Ch.13

Math: None ☺ (Topic 10 Test)

Tuesday:

Core-Lit: Comprehension Review Ch.14-15

Math: 16-1 Points, Lines, and Planes

Wednesday:

Core-Lit: Comprehension Review Ch.16

Math: 16-2 Line Segments, Rays, and Angles

Thursday:

Core-Lit: Comprehension Review Ch.17-18

Math: 16-3 Understanding Angles and Unit Angles

Poem: Odd-Numbered Students

Vocabulary Terms

Chapters 13-18

- brawler:** (p.150)
a rough fighter
- eluded:** (p.152)
escaped notice or detection
- petrified:** (p.155)
paralyzed with fear; unable to move
- reformed:** (p.158)
improvement in what was bad or corrupt
- reprieve:** (p.167)
to postpone punishment
- cantankerous:** (p.168)
argumentative; irritable; cranky
- haymaker:** (p.176)
a forceful punch in boxing
- keeled over:** (p.179)
fell over suddenly