



# Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

## May 7 – May 11, 2018

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

### Dear Parents...

The school year is winding down, but there's still so much to do! Please check out the "Important Dates" below to stay informed. The following are the most time-sensitive reminders for the next two weeks:

- We will continue to test on the final Math portion of the SBAC tomorrow, May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Field Trip permission slips and \$5.00 payment are due TOMORROW, May 8<sup>th</sup>!
- Scholastic Book Orders are due by Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Color Run donation money is also due by May 11<sup>th</sup>. Students must donate \$10 in order to participate!
- The last day for retests is next Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The last day to earn A.R. Points is next Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ALL students must be re-registered online (via computer only) to save a place at McKinley for next year! See the office for details if you need further assistance!

### This Week's Math & Science Standards

In Math, we will complete Topic 15 and begin Topic 14: Measurement and Conversions. In Topic 14, the students will measure using units of length, capacity, and weight. I will be breaking Topic 14 into essentially two topics: customary (U.S.A.) and metric (worldwide) conversions. Please note that students will NOT be responsible for an end of the topic test, as Topic 15 was the final graded math assignment for the year! Students begin with metric measurement conversions in lessons 14-6 through 14-11. While it is likely that your child is more familiar with the customary units of measurement (inches, gallons, pounds, etc.), these types of units are much more complicated to convert due to the irregular numbers associated with them. We will review the U.S. conversions in 14-1 through 14-5 AFTER the metric system! You can help your child at home by having him/her use a tape measurer to measure everyday objects and rooms, and then convert those measurements from feet to inches, and vice versa. Baking using measuring cups and spoons is another great way for your child to have hands-on experience, as is physically showing your child objects that can be measured using various capacities (paint cans, milk jugs, fish tanks, water bottles, motor oil, etc.) to further solidify their visual understanding.

In Science, we will begin Chapter 6: Electricity. Students will learn that static electricity consists of both positive and negative charges. They also learn that electrical currents can flow through circuits, that circuits can be open or closed, and the differences between series and parallel circuits.

### Language Arts Theme and Skills

**Theme:** Developing a Nation

**Essential Question:** "How do communities evolve?"

**Grammar Skill:** Precise Language & Complete Sentences

## Countdown to Fifth Grade:



## Weeks to Go!

### Important Dates

- 05/08: Field Trip Permission Slips/\$ Due
- 05/11: Last Scholastic Book Order
- 05/11: Color Run Donation \$ Due
- 05/15: All Library Books DUE!
- 05/16: Last Day for Retests
- 05/18: Last Day to earn A.R. Points
- 05/22: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
- 05/23: Park Day (Lunch & Play)
- 05/24: P.E. Field Day
- 05/25: Color Run
- 05/28: No School (Memorial Day)
- 05/31: Trimester 3 Awards Assembly
- 06/01: Last Day of School & Report Cards

### Homework

#### Monday:

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

**Language Arts:** Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

**Math:** 15-5 Solving Problems Involving Money

#### Tuesday:

**Language Arts:** Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

**Math:** 15-6 Solve a Simpler Problem

#### Wednesday:

**Language Arts:** Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

**Math:** Topic 15 Practice Test pgs.416-417 #1-14

#### Thursday:

**Language Arts:** Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

**Math:** None ☺ (Topic 15 Test)

**Poem:** Odd-Numbered Students

### Weekly Poem

**(Odds only) Due: Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

#### Static Electricity

*Tune: "Oh My Darling, Clementine"*

Keys and spoons,  
Copper too,

Paper clips, and pots and pans.  
All of these are called conductors,  
Electric current flows through them!

Rubber tires and glass windows,  
Plastic forks, erasers too.  
These insulators block flowing current  
From passing through and shocking you!

### Spelling Words

Test Date: Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

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|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. interfered       | 2. intervals   | 3. proclaimed |
| 4. progress         | 5. substituted | 6. superstars |
| 7. transcontinental | 8. transport   |               |

#### Sound/Spelling Skill Patterns:

Prefixes trans-, pro-, sub-, super-, inter-  
**Do NOT capitalize spelling words!**

### Latest Q-Connect Update

Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Monthly A.R. Goal

May 1<sup>st</sup>: 72 Points

A.R. Medal: 75 Points by May 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Artist of the Month

Edgar Degas