



Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

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

Dear Parents...

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fantastic Spring Break! We are now in the homestretch of the 2017-2018 school year! As such, there are quite a few activities and events to discuss. To begin, we will begin our next novel unit this week: James and the Giant Peach. The students will again be encouraged to use critical thinking skills such as questioning the text and author, deciding upon ethical issues, and working with figurative language. The students will have an open-book test every twelve chapters, including understanding of the vocabulary terms below. Please note that these tests will often NOT fall on Fridays, therefore, students should be prepared with vocabulary comprehension prior to the end of each week!

Your child will also start practicing for their upcoming SBAC test in the computer lab this week. The official Language Arts portion of the test will begin the week of April 16th and the Math portion will begin the week of April 30th.

Next Tuesday the students will visit the Book Fair (in place of their regularly scheduled library time). All proceeds will go directly towards new books for our school library. Students will have the opportunity to purchase before school, after school, or during their lunchtime as well!

Finally, Open House will be held next Thursday, April 19th. There will be several food trucks, vendors, and a gift basket raffle as well! Food trucks and vendors will sell from 5:00-8:30, and classrooms will open from 6:00-7:30. Fourth grade's shared gift basket theme is "Dad's To-Do List." Donations to the gift basket in the form of gift cards (\$5-\$10) to Home Depot, Best Buy, Game Stop, etc. or related items are greatly appreciated!

This Week's Math & Science Standards / Test Dates

In Math we will begin Topic 13: Extending Fraction Concepts. In Topic 13, students learn how fractions and decimals relate to one another, and how to compare numbers to two decimal places. For example, in the number 563.21, the 2 is in the tenths place and the 1 is in the hundredths place. That number is greater than 563.19 because there is only a 1 in that tenths place.

In Social Studies, your child will complete Chapter 7: Transportation and Communication. In Chapter 7, the kids will learn specifically about improvements in communication and transportation, such as the Overland Mail Service, the Pony Express, the telegraph, and the transcontinental railroad. We will also discuss how California became an agricultural power during the late 1800's, as farmers practiced new farming methods, planted different crops, and utilized a faster means of transportation to compete in the national and international markets.

Language Arts Theme and Skills

Theme: Core Literature Unit

Story: James and the Giant Peach

Summary: *James' happy life at the English seaside is rudely ended when his parents are killed by a rhinoceros and he goes to live with his two horrid aunts. Daringly saving the life of a spider he comes into possession of magic boiled crocodile tongues, after which an enormous peach starts to grow in the garden. Venturing inside he meets not only the spider but a number of new friends including a ladybug and a centipede who help him with his plan to try and get to New York.*

Homework

Monday:

Language Arts: Dodecahedron #1 & #2

Math: 13-1 Fractions as Multiples of Unit Fractions

Tuesday:

Language Arts: Dodecahedron #4 & #5

Math: 13-2 Multiplying a Fraction by a Whole Number Using Models

Wednesday:

Language Arts: Dodecahedron #3 & #8

Math: 13-3 Multiplying a Fraction by a Whole Number Using Symbols

Thursday:

Language Arts: None ☺ (Chapters 1-12 Test)

Math: 13-4 Fractions and Decimals

Poem: Odd-Numbered Students

Important Dates

04/16: SBAC Test Week (Language Arts)

04/17: Book Fair

04/19: Open House & Food Truck Festival

04/20: Progress Reports

04/30: SBAC Test Week (Math)

05/11: Last Scholastic Book Order

05/22: 4th Grade Field Trip

05/25: Color Run

05/28: No School (Memorial Day)

05/31: Trimester 3 Awards Assembly

06/01: Last Day of School & Report Cards

Weekly Poem

(Odds only) Due: Friday, April 13th

The Transcontinental Railroad

(Part 1 of 3)

Four big-name investors
Agreed that they would pay
To build the longest railroad track
Across the U.S.A.

They started in Nebraska,
Laying down the rails,
While here in California,
We were blazing out a trail.

Vocabulary Terms

"James and the Giant Peach"

Ch. 1-12

- 1. nuisance:** (p.2)
somebody or something irritating;
annoying
- 2. ramshackle:** (p.2)
badly built or run-down; likely to fall
apart or collapse
- 3. ghastly:** (p.5)
terrifyingly horrible; unpleasant
- 4. beckoning:** (p.8)
gesturing someone to come
- 5. spellbound:** (p.18)
fascinated with; entranced as if with
a spell
- 6. seething:** (p.21)
to be in a state of chaos
- 7. glinting:** (p.22)
a flash of light; a sparkle
- 8. famished:** (p.27)
severely hungry

Latest Q-Connect Update

Monday, April 9th

Monthly A.R. Goal

April 1st: 64 Points

May 1st: 72 Points

Artist of the Month

Claude Monet

Spelling Words

None ☺