



Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

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

Dear Parents...

Welcome back! I hope everyone had yet another fantastic three day weekend! This Friday I will be sending home report cards for Trimester 2. McKinley Elementary does not hold conferences for the second and third trimesters, however, please let me know if you have questions or concerns about your child's grades. Each student will complete a reflection of their work habits and effort for the second trimester, and set new goals for their final months as a fourth grader. These worksheets will also go home next Monday where they should be discussed, signed, and returned. I encourage all of you to check out the Q-Connect Parent Portal regularly for updated grade information (access is available through my classroom website), and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have! Keep in mind that students may retake any test in Math, Social Studies, or Science for a higher grade! Just be sure they have a parent signature AND have fixed their mistakes first! ☺

In other news, the Father-Daughter dance is this Friday from 6:00-8:30 pm in the multi! The theme is "Royal Ball." Tickets are being sold at the front gate before and after school for \$15.00 per couple (one father and one daughter), and \$5.00 for each additional McKinley daughter. There will be dancing, desserts, a photo booth (available for purchase), and a horse and carriage ride! Keep in mind that tickets are going quickly, and they MUST be purchased in advance, as none will be sold at the door!

This Week's Math & Science Standards / Test Dates

In Math we will test on Topic 16: Lines, Angles, and Shapes, and begin Topic 11: Fraction Equivalence and Ordering. As we move into fractions, we will discuss the importance division plays in creating numerators and denominators, focusing primarily on identifying equivalent fractions. Your child will learn about the factors and multiples of a number, and how fractions with unlike denominators can be made equal if they have factors or multiples in common. (Ex: $3/4 = 6/8$) Your child should bring their Math notebook home DAILY to use as a resource when working on homework. Remember, you can add to the notes as a family, and your child may use his or her notebook during the test.

In Social Studies, the students will then continue Chapter 6: Statehood for California. Your child will learn that new opportunities and discoveries attracted many people to California in the mid 1800's which had huge effects on California, including a diverse and speedy population growth, and many opportunities for entrepreneurs to open new businesses. The rapid growth in population and increased economy led to California's statehood in 1850.

Language Arts Theme and Skills

Theme: Technology for a Green Future

Essential Question: "How do we make decisions about developing new technology?"

Grammar Skill: Prepositional Phrases

Weekly Poem

(Odds AND Evens) Due: Friday

February 23rd

Oh, California!

(Sung to the tune of "Oh, Susanna")

I come from dear old Boston
With a washbowl on my knee.

I'm going to Californ-i-a
The gold dust for to see!

It rained all night the day I left
Then the weather, it was dry.
The sun's so hot, but then I froze to death
Oh brother, don't you cry!

Oh California!

Oh that's the land for me.
I'm going to Sacramento
With a washbowl on my knee.

I soon shall be in 'Frisco,
And there I'll look around.
When I see the gold lumps there
I'll pick them off the ground!

I'll scrape the mountains clean, my boys,
I'll drain the rivers dry
A pocketful of rocks bring home,
So brothers, don't you cry.

Oh California!

Oh that's the land for me.
I'm going to Sacramento
With a washbowl on my knee.

Spelling Words

Test Date: Friday, February 23rd

1. curb
2. meters
3. quarter
4. thirds
5. first
6. percent
7. surrounding
8. thirteen

Sound/Spelling Skill Patterns:

r-Controlled Vowels: -er -ir -ur

Do NOT capitalize spelling words!

To hear "Oh, California"

on YouTube, visit:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GG_KO-UnXBU



Homework

Monday:

None ☺ (President's Day)

Tuesday:

Newsletter: Read, sign, and return!

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: None ☺ (Topic 16 Test)

Wednesday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 11-1 Factors

Thursday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 11-2 Prime and Composite Numbers

Poem: Odd & Even-Numbered Students

Latest Q-Connect Update

Wednesday, February 14th

Monthly A.R. Goal

February 1st: 48 Points

March 1st: 56 Points

Artist of the Month

Wassily Kandinsky