



# Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

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

### Dear Parents...

The holidays are just around the corner! As such, I have SEVERAL holiday-related announcements. See the back of this newsletter for details!

For those students who have chosen to participate, the extra credit Mission Project is due next Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. ALL information (including step-by-step instructions, exhibit examples, and grading rubrics) is available online at [misshanrahan.weebly.com](http://misshanrahan.weebly.com). Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!!!

### This Week's Math and Science Standards / Test Dates

In Math, the students will test on Topic 8: Developing Fluency: Multiplying by 2-Digit Numbers on Tuesday, then begin Topic 9: Number Sense: Dividing by 1-Digit Divisors this week. In Topic 9, your child will learn to divide numbers with and without remainders. An important part of this concept is understanding how to share items equally. Also, since division has such a close relationship with multiplication, I HIGHLY encourage students to practice any multiplication facts that they have not yet fully memorized. The test is next Thursday.

Students will continue with Chapter 3: Rocks and Minerals. In this chapter, your child will learn the various classification methods for rocks and minerals, and how and where different rocks and minerals are formed. The Chapter 3 test will be Friday.

### Language Arts Theme and Skills

**Theme:** Understanding Different Points of View

**Essential Question:** "What do we learn when we look at the world through the eyes of others?"

**Grammar Skill:** Relative Pronouns & Punctuate Quotations

Extra Credit Mission Projects are DUE next Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>!

### Spelling Words

None ☺

### Homework

#### Monday:

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

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

**Math:** Topic 8 Practice Test pgs.200-201 #1-15

#### Tuesday:

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

**Math:** None ☺ (Topic 8 Test)

#### Wednesday:

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

**Math:** 9-2 Estimating Quotients

#### Thursday:

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

**Math:** 9-4 Diving with Remainders

**Poem:** None ☺

**\*\*Extra Credit Mission Reports, Exhibits, and Presentations are due next FRIDAY!\*\***



### Weekly Poem

None ☺

The students have been working on a Reader's Theater based on the Greek mythological story of Persephone and Demeter. They will continue to work on their presentation during class time throughout this week, and students will perform their play on Friday for an Oral Language grade, in place of the weekly poem.

### Latest Q-Connect Update

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Monthly A.R. Goal

December 1<sup>st</sup>: 32 Points

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

#### Artist of the Month

Georgia O' Keefe

### McKinley Holiday Spirit Days

**Monday 12/18:** Holiday Accessories Day (Crazy Christmas Socks, Holiday Scarves, or Ties)

**Tuesday 12/19:** Santa's Workshop Day (Dress like an elf, Santa, reindeer, gift, or toy)

**Wednesday 12/20:** Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

**Thursday 12/21:** Pajama Day

**Friday 12/22:** Red, Green, and Holiday Hats Day!

# *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas..*

## **Holiday Party**

Our class will be celebrating the upcoming holiday break with a party Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>! I will provide all of the food and beverages; however, if you would like to send a special treat for the class (we have 25 students in all), please feel free to do so!



## **Holiday Family Dance**

Next Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> McKinley Elementary will hold its second annual Holiday Dance! Door will be open from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. There will be a snack bar, photo booth, and a Christmas Bake Walk. The more festive holiday attire, the better!

Tickets are \$5.00 per person if you purchase this week. Next week, tickets go up to \$7.00 each. A parent must be present for students to attend!



## **Santa Claus**

McKinley Elementary School will have a very special guest visitor next Wednesday... the one and only SANTA CLAUS!!! Santa will be at McKinley from 9:00-11:30 to visit with students. A 5x7" photo may be purchased for \$5.00.



## **Looking for Last-Minute Gift Ideas?**

Many students are already out of loose-leaf binder paper, have filled their math notebooks, and are writing with just the nub of a pencil. School supplies (highlighters, paper, notebooks, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, etc.) make excellent stocking stuffers, and will be put to great use! Journals encourage writing, and investing in child-friendly magazine subscriptions can inspire non-fiction reading. Classic chapter books can be used throughout the long break, and well into the school year (and just think of all those potential A.R. points!). ☺



## **Toy Drive**

The Spark of Love toy drive is in full-swing! If you would like to donate a NEW and UNWRAPPED toy to children in need this holiday season, please deliver your gift to your child's classroom. As an added incentive, participating McKinley students will earn a homework pass for turning in toys for the less fortunate. The final date to turn in your donation is December 15<sup>th</sup>!



## **Holiday Boutique**

Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> our class will have the opportunity to preview AND purchase from the Holiday Boutique. If you would like your child to purchase merchandise for specific family members, please make sure that they bring a list with them. Please also include if he/she may purchase anything for themselves, and approximately how much they may spend on each person. This will help tremendously as our PTA and I guide the children in finding appropriate gifts. The Boutique will be open Monday-Friday (Dec. 18-22) before and after school as well, for added convenience.

