



Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

December 11 – December 15, 2017

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

Dear Parents...

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

In other news, the Spark of Love Toy Drive ends this Wednesday. 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! McKinley Elementary School will have a very special guest visitor this Wednesday to collect the toys... 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 \$7.00.

Our class will be celebrating the upcoming holiday break with a party next Thursday, December 21st! 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!

Next Monday, December 18th 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.

Finally, sadly, I must announce that the annual Christmas dance has been cancelled due to low participation. ☹ If your child paid for a ticket, please have them visit Mrs. Friedl in room 307 for a full refund.

This Week's Math and Science Standards / Test Dates

In Math, the students will complete Topic 9: Number Sense: Dividing by 1-Digit Divisors this week. 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 has been moved to Friday.

In Science, students will test on with Chapter 3: Rocks and Minerals this Monday! We will then begin Chapter 4: Slow Changes on Earth. In this chapter we will be learning about landforms and weathering, including erosion and deposition. This chapter includes many unfamiliar vocabulary terms, so I encourage the students to study their vocabulary lists regularly. Asking your child to explain the different types of weathering to you will also help them to be better prepared for the upcoming test!

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

Buddy Candy Exchange

Don't forget, next Thursday is our Buddy Candy Exchange!

Bring your kindergarten little buddy his or her favorite kind of candy bar (see the list sent home Friday for details), to bring a smile to their face in this season of giving!



Spelling Words

None ☺

Weekly Poem

None ☺

Students that participated in the Extra Credit Mission Projects will be presenting their projects in lieu of poems this week. ☺

Homework

Monday:

Newsletter: Read, sign, and return!

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 9-4 Diving with Remainders

Tuesday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 9-5 Multiplication and Division Stories

Wednesday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: 9-6 Problem Solving: Draw a Picture and Write an Equation

Thursday:

Language Arts: Read (20+ Minutes) & Log

Math: Topic 9 Practice Test pgs.222-223 #1-18

Poem: None ☺

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

Latest Q-Connect Update

Friday, December 1st

Monthly A.R. Goal

December 1st: 32 Points

January 1st: 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!