



Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

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

Dear Parents...

We have a big week ahead of us! To begin, our first field trip is this Tuesday, October 10th. Students should arrive by the regularly scheduled morning bell (8:45 a.m.) with a packed lunch. Please note that cell phones and cameras are acceptable for photographs/videos ONLY! Also, the kids will receive their FREE Kindness Conference T-shirt to change into once school starts. Parent volunteers, I will see you at 8:45 in Room 401 as well. ☺

In other news, final grades for the first trimester are due! I gave students the opportunity of an extra day to complete retests and assignment makeups on Monday. The final day for A.R. points and percentages (counted toward the first trimester) will be Tuesday.

Language Arts will look very different over the course of the next three weeks as we dive into our first Core-Literature Unit, Because of Winn-Dixie. The students will be challenged with reading the entirety of a chapter book (2-3 chapters per day), and completing several related activities to connect with the story in a deeper and more meaningful way than with previous reading selections. The students' Language Arts homework will now include a journal reflection upon the main idea from the daily chapters. Students should restate the question and answer in 5-7 complete sentences.

Finally, conferences are coming! I sent an email to all parents with a link to sign up electronically for your conference day and time. If you did not receive this email, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can connect with you. Thank you to the many parents that have already signed up! If I do not hear from you by Wednesday, I will assign a day and time for your conference.

This Week's Math & Science Standards / Test Dates

In Math, your child will begin working on Topic 5: Number Sense: Multiplying by 1-Digit Numbers. In Topic 5, your child will learn a variety of methods to multiply two-and-three-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. By looking for patterns in multiplication facts, he or she can also multiply multiples of 10 by one-digit numbers using mental math. These patterns also help your child estimate products by comparing the product to the estimate to see if an answer is reasonable. Once again, the students will be using the Rounding Rap in order to estimate their answers. The Topic 5 test scores will be the first math grades for Trimester 2.

In Science, we will complete Chapter 2: Living Things and Their Environment. In Chapter 2, students will learn that all living things are members of ecosystems. They learn that plants and animals depend upon each other for food and shelter, or for pollination and seed dispersion. Finally, students learn the effects that human activities can have on ecosystems and things that people can do to protect the world around them.

Language Arts Theme and Skills

Theme: Core Literature Unit

Story: Because of Winn-Dixie

Summary: *Making friends in a new town is never easy, but when Opal adopts a stray dog, she learns that friendship – and forgiveness – can sneak up on you like a sudden storm.*

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Spelling Words

Test Date: Friday, October 13th

1. beautiful
2. before
3. believe
4. bought
5. school
6. really
7. said
8. too
9. through
10. threw
11. thought
12. favorite
13. money
14. first
15. our
16. people
17. pretty
18. knew
19. when
20. many

Sound/Spelling Skill Patterns:

Frequently Misspelled Words

Vocabulary Terms

"Because of Winn-Dixie"

Ch. 1-8

1. **stray:** an animal that does not have a home or an owner
2. **trrotting:** to move at a quick, steady pace
3. **exception:** a condition in which a rule does not have to be followed
4. **nudge:** to slightly push someone, usually to get his/her attention
5. **howled:** to yell a very loud, long cry, usually by a dog or a wolf
6. **skidding:** to slip or slide sideways, usually in an out-of-control manner
7. **peculiar:** strange or unusual
8. **theme:** the central, dominant idea of something like a book, play, or party

Weekly Poem

(EVENS only) Due: Friday, October 13th

Be a Buddy, Not a Bully!

A bully is a person
Who makes sure that you feel bad.
They'll say things that aren't true,
Just so you'll feel sad.

A bully laughs at your expense
When you make a mistake.
They'll call you names, or leave you out,
Push, and hit, and shake.

Stand up against the bullies,
For yourself and for your friends.
If we all work together,
Bullying can end!

Homework

Monday:

Newsletter: Read, sign, and return!

Language Arts: Writing Prompt #1

Math: None ☺ (Topic 2 Test Day!)

Tuesday:

Language Arts: Writing Prompt #2

Math: None ☺ (Field Trip)

Wednesday:

Language Arts: Writing Prompt #3

Math: 5-1 Arrays and Multiplying by 10 and 100

Thursday:

Language Arts: Writing Prompt #4

Math: 5-2 Multiplying by Multiples of 10 and 100

Poem: Even-Numbered Students

Latest Q-Connect Update

Monday, October 9th

Monthly A.R. Goal

October 1st: 16 Points

November 1st: 24 Points

Artist of the Month

Andy Warhol