



Miss Hanrahan's Class Newsletter

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

**** REMINDER: Minimum Day Dismissal Next Week (M, T, Th, F) at 12:32. No School on Wednesday, October 25th due to conferences!**

Dear Parents...

Last Tuesday, students attended the district-wide World Kindness Youth Conference, our anti-bullying field trip. They heard inspirational guest speaker, Jon Pritikin, explain his personal story of being bullied as a young kid. Despite his speech impediment and reading disability, he persevered to become the man he is today: a college educated, world-class weight lifter! Of course, his speech did not come without a few demonstrations. An audience of 1,000 fourth graders were blown away when he bent a steel bar in half using his teeth, and then proceeded to fold a frying pan into the shape of a burrito! During the rest of their day, the students wrote positive messages on bookmarks for the Corona Public library, read motivational affirmations about themselves, practiced teambuilding with a balancing activity, and gained empathy for others with a wheelchair obstacle course! The students have voted to wear their Kindness Conference shirts each Thursday to show support for each other and as a reminder that we should always stand up against bullying for ourselves and for each other.

In related news, this Friday is Unity Day! All McKinley students are encouraged to wear ORANGE on Friday to show that we are united against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Check out our classroom website for information on how to talk with your children about standing up to bullying.

Your child brought home a conference schedule last week. Thank you to the many parents that have already responded! If you have not yet returned the form, please let me know whether you will or will not be able to make the parent-teacher-student conference time that I have allotted for you. I will do my best to fit your schedule, if possible!

Finally, I sent home information last Friday for students that showed interest in participating in the History Day poster contest. Keep in mind, this is an OPTIONAL project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! ☺

This Week's Math & Science Standards / Test Dates

In Math, your child will finish working on Topic 5: Number Sense: Multiplying by 1-Digit Numbers. In Topic 5, your child has learned 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. The Topic 5 test will be Friday.

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. The test is Friday.

Language Arts Theme and Skills

Theme: Core Literature Unit

Story: Because of Winn-Dixie

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Spelling Words

Test Date: Friday, October 20th

1. dropped 2. because 3. before 4. clothes
5. cousin 6. decided 7. different 8. again
9. science 10. friend 11. heard 12. truly
13. school 14. argue 15. once 16. know
17. women 18. asked 19. quiet 20. piece

Sound/Spelling Skill Patterns:

Frequently Misspelled Words

Latest Q-Connect Update

Thursday, October 12th

Monthly A.R. Goal

October 1st: 16 Points

November 1st: 24 Points

Artist of the Month

Andy Warhol

Vocabulary Terms

"Because of Winn-Dixie"

Ch. 9-16

1. **identical:** to be the same as something or someone else
2. **fixing to:** a phrase common in the southern United States that means a person is getting ready to do something
3. **butting:** to push against something with the head or horns
4. **spell:** a phrase or action that is considered to have a magical force
5. **routine:** getting into the habit of doing a series of things at regular times on a daily basis
6. **imitated:** to copy something a person does
7. **enlisted:** to voluntarily sign up for the army
8. **abiding:** continuing without change

Homework

Monday:

Newsletter: Read, sign, and return!

Language Arts: Writing Prompt #6

Math: 5-4 Using Mental Math to Multiply

Tuesday:

Language Arts: Writing Prompt #7

Math: 5-5 Using Rounding to Estimate

Wednesday:

Language Arts: Writing Prompt #8

Math: 5-6 Reasonableness

Thursday:

Language Arts: Writing Prompt #9

Math: Topic 5 Practice Test pgs.132-133 #1-19

Poem: Odd-Numbered Students

Weekly Poem

(Odds) Due: Friday, October 20th

Your Best

If you always try your best
Then you'll never have to wonder
About what you could have done
If you'd summoned all your thunder.

And if your best was not as good
As you hoped that it would be,
You still could say,
"I gave today
All that I had in me!"