



December 11, 2017

Dear Parents,

Please keep Mrs. Jasinski in your positive thoughts as her husband has a bad fall on Friday and broke three ribs. She is out today and may miss a few more days in order to care for him.

Our trip to the movies went very well on Friday. It was so nice that we had read the book ahead of time. We were able to find the differences between the book we read and the movie. Ask your student if he/she remembers what they are: (#1: In the book August's dad made jokes about Mr. Tushman's name while Mr. Tushman made fun of his own name in the movie. #2: The new puppy mentioned in the book was not mentioned or shown in the movie.) We had a great time. I am hoping that we can complete another book study paired with a movie soon.

### **Early Release Wednesday**

Our NEXT early release day is scheduled for **THIS Wednesday December 13 2017**. Students will be dismissed at 1:55 p.m. Please expect your student home early. I have to attend a meeting and will NOT be available after dismissal.

### **English Language Arts**

**Trimester 2 Assessments: We will be working on ELA assessments this week.**

**Personal Information:** Students have been working on memorizing and writing their personal information. Everyone is at a different level and pacing. Staff work with students individually to help improve their skill in this area.

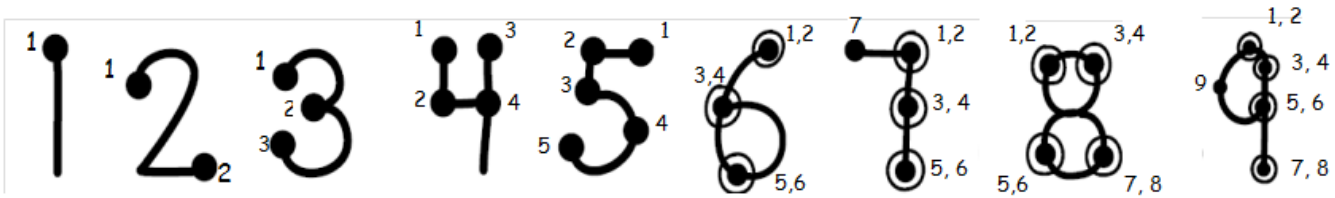
### **Math**

We finished most of our Trimester 2 math assessments. We have a couple easy things to finish this week.

***This week***, we will continue adding single digit numbers up to 9. Students will have the opportunity to practice adding using those double touches. I know that it can be tricky, but practicing everyday will help. I don't expect student to master this skill over night, but we do need to begin to practice this skill. We will also practice counting one dollar bills to match the price on a price tag or use the next dollar strategy to color the correct number of dollars.

Eventually we will be including adding numbers with a calculator to check our answers. This will allow students the opportunity to develop a variety of math skills and strategies to perform simple addition and subtraction. Memorizing math facts will be difficult for many students, but knowing how to perform a skill because he/she has been taught various strategies to perform said skill will increase success and retention.

## Touch Points



## Time to the Hour

The students are making very good progress with this skill during our math time. I will continue to teach this skill in class as well as include it with homework. Our current focus is just on telling time to the hour including identifying the parts: the face, the numbers, the hour hand (the short hand), and the minute hand (the long hand). We have discussed how the hour hand is shorter and that it is pointing to the number that is the hour. We have only discussed the minute hand in that when it points to the 12 that it means :00 minutes. We will continue to focus on this skill daily.

## Skillstreaming

Our Skill Streaming lesson for this week will focus on practicing maintaining a conversation and staying on topic. The students will begin a conversation and hold a ball of string. As the conversation continues the students will hold the ball as they stay on topic and drop the ball if the topic changes inappropriately. It is a great visual for the students to understand if they are staying on topic.

Our Skillstreaming lesson this week will take place on Monday from 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. unless something comes up and Mrs. Glombowski and Mrs. Nichols are unable to make it to the lesson.

## Remind

If you have not had the opportunity to sign up for Remind text messaging services you still can. ***You can sign up by texting @6fa2ea6 to the number 81010 and you will be added to my class list.*** I use this service to keep you informed of upcoming activities, reminders of early release dates, and other quick messages. I know that families who have signed up in the past appreciated having the service as an option to them. It can be easier than an email and paper notes. I have sent out several Remind texts so far this year. I have one scheduled for tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. Please look for it if you are signed up. Let me know if they are not reaching you and you have signed up for the service.

## Cooking

**We will be cooking hot lunch on Thursday December 14, 2017.** The cost to each student is \$3.00. ***Lunch money is due this WEDNESDAY December 13, 2017 so that I can purchase the correct amount of food for those participating on Wednesday Evening.*** Students who pay by Wednesday will cook and eat our classroom lunch on THURSDAY. Students who do not contribute or do not care for the food served will need to bring a lunch from home or get their lunch from the cafeteria as he/she would normally do during the week.

**We will be making spaghetti, salad, cut cucumbers, fresh fruit depending on what is priced well, and lemonade.**

## IEPTS

As IEPT dates start to approach I will be contacting you to schedule your student's IEPT. I am hoping to have all IEPTS done by the end of March as in April and May we have to give the state MI-Access test to all students and that does take up a great deal of class time as well as require a great deal time outside of the school day preparing materials to give the test and document work with the testing materials. Please expect to have your student's IEPT about a month earlier than last year (i.e. February IEPTs will be scheduled for some time in January).

## Class Website and Emailing Newsletter

The class website is up and running. The web address is: <http://moci.weebly.com> You will be able to view the weekly newsletter, monthly calendar, permission slips, classroom blog, web site links, and photos on this website. It is a continual work in progress.

## Dates to Remember

December 11, 2017.....	I will be out of the classroom to attend an IEPT in the morning.
December 13, 2017.....	Early Release. Dismissal 1:55 p.m. Cooking Money Due \$3.00 per student
December 14, 2017.....	Cooking Lunch Day
December 15, 2017.....	High School Choir will sing their Holiday Concert
December 19, 2017.....	Friendship Circle Bring a lunch from home
December 22, 2017.....	Last Full Day of School Before Vacation
January 8, 2018.....	School Resumes 8:35 a.m.

## Jobs for this week

### ***Mrs. Jasinski supervising:***

Wash Dishes/Wash Laundry/Pass Newspaper/AM Messages	Antoine
Pass Journals/Dry Dishes/Spray & Wipe Doorknobs/lights	Amiyah
Wipe kitchen tables & counters/Make Ice Packs/wipe windows & Mirrors	Latariea

### ***Mrs. Villasurda supervising:***

Clean classroom tables 1-2/Shred	Gavin
Shred/Clean Chairs	
Clean classroom tables 3-4/Folding Laundry	MaKayla

***Mrs. Karle-Sloan supervising:***

Teacher Helper/Pass Papers/Shred/Folding Laundry  
Pass out Today At School/Wipe Appliances/Dust/Sweep  
Clean Lockers/Trash/Empty Recycling Container/Shred

Nick  
DeShawn  
Paige

I am available for telephone conferences before school, 8:15 a.m. – 8:28 a.m. (except for the third Tuesday of the Month), during my conference period: 11:45 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., and after school 3:40 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (all of these times are approximate). The classroom telephone number is 586-285-8858. You can also contact me via email. My email address is [kkarle-sloan@lsp.org](mailto:kkarle-sloan@lsp.org).

Please remember to call the **Kennedy Middle School Office** if your young adult will be absent from school so your young adult's absence is marked as excused. If you do not call in the absence then it will be recorded as unexcused. **The telephone number for the main office at Kennedy is 586-285-8802. Please remember to call your bus compound.**

Kyrstyn Karle-Sloan

Judy Jasinski

Jennifer Villasurda