



December 4, 2017

Dear Parents,

Our trip to Friendship Circle went well last week. We were lucky for a lovely day of weather for traveling. The students enjoyed spending time in the Village and engaging in the lesson for the month. Our next trip is scheduled for Tuesday December 19, 2017.

Field Trip to the Movies

We are going to see *Wonder* this Friday. We will be leaving KMS around 9:00 a.m. and travel to Emagine Theatre. Our movie will be shown in a private theatre and is scheduled to start around 10:00 a.m. Students will receive pop and popcorn as part of their ticket price. If you prefer your student not receive pop or popcorn then please let me know.

When the movie is over we will leave the theatre and travel to Culvers for lunch. We expect to return to KMS around 2:30 p.m. If your student is not going to be joining us please let me know as I have to give the final count to Mrs. Snay who is coordinating the trip.

English Language Arts

Reading: This week we will be focused on reading the adapted story of *Wonder*. I am going to send home the copy of the book we are reading in class. Today will have Chapters 1 – 3 in it. It would be nice for you to read with your student the chapters that we add each day so as to help the students build their understanding of the story. **PLEASE RETURN THE FOLDER EACH DAY SO I CAN ADD THE NEXT CHAPTER THAT WE WILL BE READING.** Please understand that the adapted book is an abridged copy of the book. You may enjoy buying a copy of the book and reading the entire book with your student.

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

Thank you to all of the students who have been working so diligently on their homework. It is great to see such wonderful effort being put into what is expected. Thank you to the students and their families for your time completing the homework.

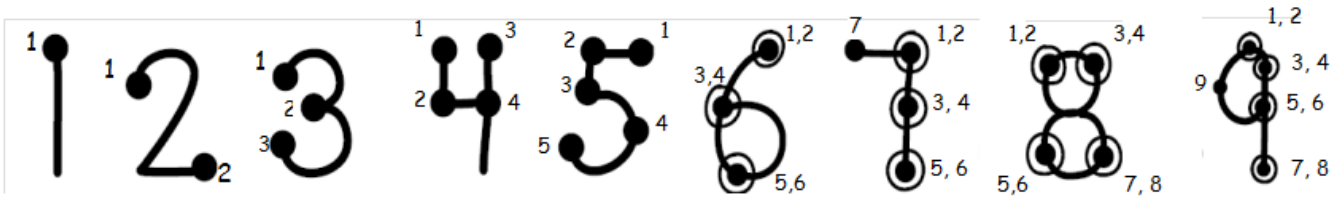
This week, we will begin adding single digit numbers up to 9. Students will have the opportunity to practice adding using those double touches. I know that it can be tricky, but practicing everyday will help. I don't expect student to master this skill over night, but we do need to begin to practice this skill.

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.

We are beginning our second trimester assessments this week. We will be busy during our math time this week completing our math assessments. These assessments are required and will take this week and the next couple of weeks to complete.

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 appropriate turn taking skills during conversations as well as 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 Wednesday 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 NOT be cooking hot lunch this week. Cooking will return next week.

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 of 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 8, 2017.....Field Trip to see Wonder
- 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 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	Amiyah
Pass Journals/Dry Dishes/Spray & Wipe Doorknobs/lights	Latariea
Wipe kitchen tables & counters/Make Ice Packs/wipe windows & Mirrors	Gavin

Mrs. Villasurda supervising:

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

Mrs. Karle-Sloan supervising:

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

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@lsps.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

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