



March 12, 2018

Dear Parents,

We have a busy week this week and we will not be studying a new letter or new words this week for ELA. We will be reviewing previous letters and words so expect review work throughout the week.

**Tomorrow we will be going to Friendship Circle.** The students will be engaged in the activity “Secret Friend”. Students will be making purchases for their secret friend and then giving their gifts to their friend. It is always a fun lesson for the students. ***Please remember to pack a bagged lunch that does not require refrigeration or heating.*** Please include a drink.

**Friday will be our trip to the Ice Show at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena.** We will leave around 9:00 and return around 1:15 p.m. We will be provided with a small snack at the arena. Students are welcome to bring a small amount of money (no more than \$10.00) with them on the trip. ***Students will need to pack a bagged lunch for Friday as we will return to Kennedy after the lunch program has closed for the day.***

On Friday, the students used their Chromebooks to learn how to enter their passwords, how to bookmark specific web pages, and how to bookmark and log into Schoology to complete a simple assignment. They also watched a screencast made by me. They had to complete a typing assignment which required them to type their name. It allowed me to evaluate which students could find the letters in their names, if they could distinguish between the letters and numbers, and if they knew how to use the shift key to make the first letter in their name a capital letter. We also had the students download extensions (another word for an app) to their Chromebooks. We will be using our Chromebooks more as the school year continues. If you would like to log into Schoology and have misplaced your joining Schoology information then just let me know and I can send it home again.

We will begin our trimester 3 assessments this week. It will take up until Spring Break to complete these assessments as they are very time consuming.

### **English Language Arts**

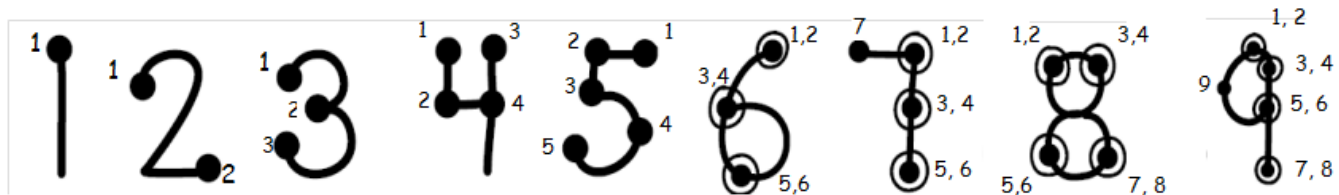
**Personal Information:** Students have been working on memorizing and writing their personal information. Everyone is at a different level and pacing. Staff work with students individually to help improve their skill in this area.

All of the students will work on identifying the letters, sequencing the letters in their word, improving reading fluency by reading sentences or passages with their letter or word of the week in it, creating sentences including the word of the week, writing in sand and shaving cream, stamping their notebook, and rainbow writing in their notebooks. We keep copies of our fluency passages in our notebooks as well as send them home. I encourage you to read over the passages with your student.

## Math

*This week*, I will be reviewing adding and subtracting with touchpoints, use of a calculator, and determining area. Next week, I will introduce perimeter. We will also conduct a unit on multiplication and introduce coins through extensive study.

### Touch Points



## Cooking

Due the **EXTREMELY** generous donation by one of the families who have a student in our classroom students will not need to pay for cooking for the month of March and possibly the first cooking experience in April. **MANY THANKS** to the family for the **VERY GENEROUS** donation to support what is taking place in school. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

We will be cooking this Thursday March 15, 2018. The menu will include **Chicken Tenders, French Fries, salad, fresh fruit, and lemonade.**

## 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.

If you are having difficulty signing up using REMIND then let me know and I can sign you up on my end provided that I have your current telephone number.

## IEPTS

As IEPT dates start to approach I will be contacting you to schedule your student's IEPT. I was hoping to have all IEPTS done by the end of March but am finding due to circumstances outside of my control that we will hold them in April and May. My intention was to have them completed prior to Spring Break as we have to give the state MI-Access test to all students in April and May. The state tests 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. I will contact you as the time approaches to schedule your student's IEPT.

## 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

March 13, 2018.....Friendship Circle. Bring a Lunch from Home

March 15, 2018.....Cooking Hot Lunch

March 16, 2018.....Ice Show. Bring a Lunch from Home.

March 21, 2018.....Early Release. Dismissal at 1:55 p.m. I have to travel to another building. Students who are not picked up on time will be in the office.

March 22, 2018.....Cooking Hot Lunch

March 28, 2018.....Mrs. Sloan will be in an IEPT

### Jobs for this week

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

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

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

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

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

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

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