



March 19, 2018

Dear Parents,

Our trip to Friendship Circle went well last week. Thank you for always supporting your student with our trips. The students enjoyed the Secret Friend lesson even though it is difficult for many students.

Our trip to the ice show on Friday was fun. The students enjoyed the performances. The theme for the show was Animation on Ice. The skaters were characters from many animated movies including Frozen, Moana, Despicable Me, and Coco. We really enjoyed the trip and are hoping to be able to attend next year.

We will spend a great deal of time this week and next completing Trimester 3 assessments. It will take up until Spring Break to complete these assessments as they are very time consuming.

Mrs. Jasinski

As you know, Mrs. Jasinski has been off on a medical leave since the beginning of February. I spoke with her last Thursday and she gave me permission to share some information with you. I would ask for your understanding and know that if I have further information that it will share it with you as I am permitted by her. This is the latest information and have nothing more to share at this time.

Mrs. Jasinski took a leave to have bladder surgery. During the course of completing testing for her bladder surgery she learned that she had stage 1 uterine cancer. Her bladder surgery was postponed in order to complete the two procedures that she needed at one time. She is in good spirits and doing well. She will begin 6 rounds of chemotherapy and radiation in April. She is hoping to return to school on April 9 and see how she feels and if she is up to completing the school year. We are asking for your understanding and patience as we determine if she feels up to coming back once she is at work. She is expecting to lose her hair as a result of the chemotherapy and we may need to discuss the change in her appearance with the students. We don't want you to be surprised if your student mentions the change in her appearance. There are days that she will miss due to needing to take care of appointments and treatment. We are accommodating her schedule as much as we can. We may ask you to help us by not scheduling meetings on days that she is out.

We are looking forward to her return and hoping that she continues to feel better as time passes. I know she would appreciate your kind thoughts and well wishes.

English Language Arts

Letter of the Week: Mm. All students will review writing capital and lower case Mm. All students will review the letter sound for Mm. Targeted instruction will be provided to specific students to help secure letter sound, writing, and identification.

Pre-Primer Sight Word of the Week: I. Targeted instruction to specific groups of students will include writing “I” as well as identifying it in print and reading sentences.

First Grade Sight Word of the Week: Could. Targeted instruction to specific groups of students will include writing “Could” as well as identifying it in print and reading sentences.

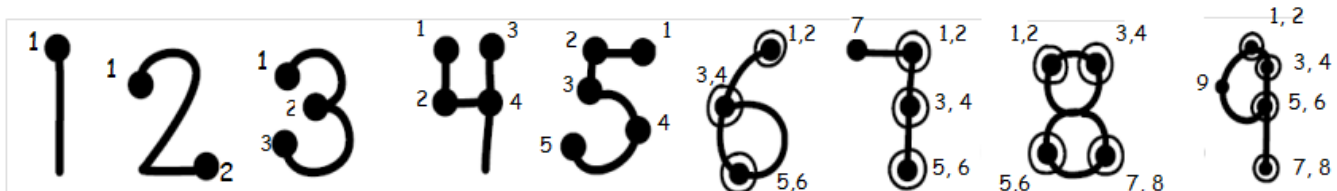
Personal Information: Students have been working on memorizing and writing their personal information. Everyone is at a different level and pacing. Staff work with students individually to help improve their skill in this area.

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 introduce perimeter. The students will learn how to add up the perimeter of a shape using a calculator. The shapes will already have the units on them and the students will be taught how to add up the numbers in order to determine the perimeter of a given shape. We do spend time explaining how perimeter can be thought of as the fence around a yard or the frame around a picture.

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 22, 2018. The menu will include **Turkey** sandwiches, soup, salad, fresh fruit, and lemonade. **This will be our last cooking** experience until after we return from Spring Break.

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 20, 2018.....Mrs. Sloan is in a staff meeting in the morning. I will not be available until 8:30 a.m.

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 on my prep

March 29, 2018.....Last Full Day of School before break.

April 9, 2018.....School will resume

Jobs for this week

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

Mrs. Villasurda supervising:

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

Mrs. Karle-Sloan supervising:

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

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

Judy Jasinski

Jennifer Villasurda