



March 5, 2018

Dear Parents,

**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.**

### English Language Arts

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

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

**First Grade Sight Word of the Week:** By. Targeted instruction to specific groups of students will include writing “By” “by” 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 be reintroducing Area to the students. The state benchmarks require the students to be able to determine the area of a surface by counting the number of units displayed on a shape and then indicating by writing or pointing what the Area (A) is for the specific shape.

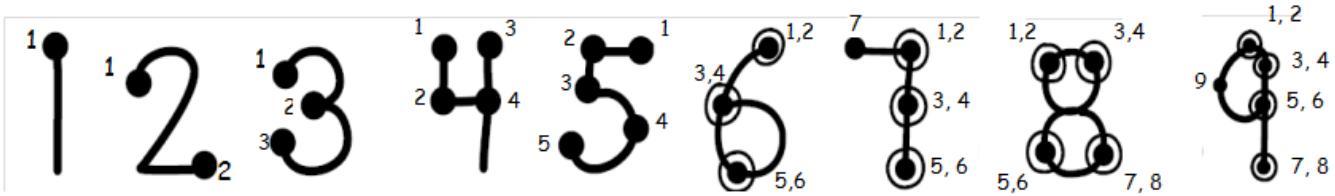
Ex.:



Area = 6 units

We will be working on this skill in class as well as for homework. I did an assessment on Friday for the students who were in school and found that 3 students could correctly determine the area on 3/6 of the problems. Three students could determine the area of 6/6 shapes. We are going to continue to work on determining Area this week. I am planning on introducing Perimeter next week including on how to add up perimeter using a calculator.

### Touch Points



### Cooking

We will be **NOT** be cooking this **Thursday March 8, 2018**. Cooking will resume on **Thursday March 15, 2018**.

### 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 7, 2018.....Early Release. Students will be dismissed at 1:55 p.m.

March 9, 2018.....Half Day. Dismissal at 11:40 a.m.

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.

## Jobs for this week

### *Mrs. Jasinski supervising:*

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

### *Mrs. Villasurda supervising:*

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

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

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

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