



April 16, 2018

Dear Parents,

Our trip to the circus went very well last Thursday. The students enjoyed the various acts especially the fire twirler and the couple who magically changed costumes while performing a dance. We are so appreciative that Mr. Plotkowski was able to obtain free tickets for us to go on this trip.

Tomorrow we will be going to Friendship Circle. The students will be engaged in the activity “On Time”. Students go to various venues in the village in specific orders and learn to identify what time the venue opens. ***Please remember to pack a bagged lunch that does not require refrigeration or heating.*** Please include a drink.

As April and May approaches please know that we are still very busy in the classroom. We will be giving the students the MI-Access State Test. The test is based on a combination of common core extended benchmarks as well as Michigan Extended Benchmarks. It is also divided into the three grade levels (6th, 7th, 8th) as well as into the supported independence level and participation level tests. This test requires a primary and a shadow assessor to give the test in a one-on-one situation. We will slowly start testing students as Mrs. Stahl, our building Teacher Consultant, is available to come down and help shadow assess the test. We will be giving the test in small chunks so as not to overwhelm a student. Some of the questions are participation in an activity assessments and are not quickly administered, answered, or scored. We will do our best to make the testing situation and environment the most positive experience for your student as possible. Please understand that I must have this testing done by the middle to end of May and this will be the focus of our instructional time for the next six weeks.

I thank each student for their very best behavior for our guest teachers last week. I appreciate all of their hard work while I had to be out of the classroom.

English Language Arts

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

Pre-Primer Sight Word of the Week: “it”. Targeted instruction to specific groups of students will include writing “it” 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 “from” 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.

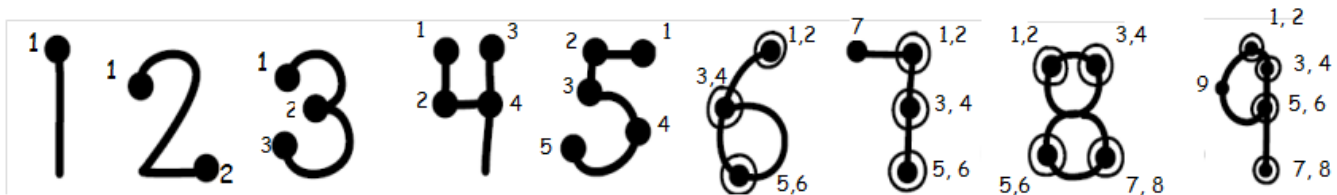
All of the students will work on identifying the letters, sequencing the letters in their word, improving reading fluency by reading sentences or passages with their letter or word of the week in it, creating sentences including the word of the week, writing in sand and shaving cream, stamping their 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, we will spend time reviewing a variety of skills including filling in a number line, perimeter, area, position words, and do a quick introduction/review of fractions. Students will complete a review worksheet as class and will complete a very similar worksheet as part of the homework. The work is similar to what students will experience on the state testing.

Touch Points



Cooking

We will be cooking this Thursday April 19, 2018. The cost to each student is \$3.00. ***Lunch money is due WEDNESDAY April 18, 2018 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 chicken patty sandwiches, French fries, salad, broccoli, strawberry and red grape fruit salad, and lemonade. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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.

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

- April 17, 2018.....Friendship Circle. Bring a lunch from home.
- April 18, 2018..... Cooking money due. \$3.00
- April 19, 2018..... Cooking hot lunch in the classroom
- April 25, 2018.....Early Release. Students will be dismissed at 1:55 p.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	Antoine
Wipe kitchen tables & counters/Make Ice Packs/wipe windows & Mirrors	Nick

Mrs. Villasurda supervising:

Clean classroom tables 1-2/Shred	DeShawn
Shred/Clean Chairs	Paige
Clean classroom tables 3-4/Folding Laundry	Lorenzo

Mrs. Karle-Sloan supervising:

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

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.

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