



April 23, 2018

Dear Parents,

Our state testing is going well, but it is a long slow process. Mrs. Stahl and I have got about 4 Math assessments completed with 4 students this morning. We are hoping to add more days on this week in order to continue to move forward with this. We have been giving the test in small chunks so as not to overwhelm a student. Some of the questions require students to complete an activity or participate in an activity. We try to make the assessment flow as naturally as possible. 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.

### Special Olympics

*Wednesday May 2, 2018* is the date for the County Special Olympics. *We are so happy to have DeShawn, Paige, Nick, Gavin, and MaKayla representing Kennedy Middle School and Lake Shore Public Schools at the Macomb County Special Olympics.* Once Mr. Wood receives information from Macomb County Special Olympics then we will forward it to you. Please dress for the weather. Keep your fingers crossed for no rain and warm weather. ☺

**Student athletes (DeShawn, Paige, Nick, Gavin, and MaKayla) will be receiving new Red Special Olympics T-Shirts this year. Once we have those shirts we will send them home with students so that they can arrive at the games wearing the shirts.** Student athletes should plan on arriving with their parents at Macomb Community College South Campus around 8:45 a.m. by the track and field area. I will be sending you a map as soon as I receive it.

**Please remember that there is NO SCHOOL for any students that day.** Students who are not participating are to stay home on Wednesday May 2, 2018 as there will be no one at school for class.

Please call me or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

### Guest Teacher

I may have to be out of the classroom on Wednesday April 25, 2018 in order to visit another classroom for a student who has been referred for placement. Once the appointment is confirmed I will be able to let you know if there will be a guest teacher in for me in the morning.

I am scheduled to be out of the building next Monday April 30, 2018 in order to attend the Macomb County Assistive Technology Team Leader Meeting. Mrs. Matthews will be the guest teacher that day. I will leave lesson plans as well as awards for the students to earn for excellent behavior choices. I will return to the classroom on Tuesday May 1, 2018.

### English Language Arts

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

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

**First Grade Sight Word of the Week:** give. Targeted instruction to specific groups of students will include writing “give” 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.

### Cooking

We will be cooking this Thursday April 26, 2018. The cost to each student is \$3.00. ***Lunch money is due WEDNESDAY April 25, 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 turkey sandwiches, chicken noodle soup, 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 25, 2018.....Early Release. Students will be dismissed at 1:55 p.m.  
Cooking money due. \$3.00

April 26, 2018..... Cooking hot lunch in the classroom

April 30, 2018.....Mrs. Sloan will be absent. Guest Teacher

May 2, 2018.....Special Olympics.

### Jobs for this week

#### *Mrs. Jasinski supervising:*

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

#### *Mrs. Villasurda supervising:*

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

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

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

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

Judy Jasinski

Jennifer Villasurda