



April 30, 2018

Dear Parents,

Our state testing is going well, but it is a long slow process. Mrs. Stahl and I have been making progress with giving our assessments. We are hoping to begin our sixth grade students this week and finish them within the next two to three weeks. 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 few 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.*** We forwarded the information to the parents of athletes last week. Please let me know if you need a second copy of the information. 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 student 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 am scheduled to be out of the building today Monday April 30, 2018 in order to attend the Macomb County Assistive Technology Team Leader Meeting. Mrs. Matthews will be the guest teacher. 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.

I have to be out of the classroom in the morning on Friday May 4, 2018 in order to visit another classroom for a student who has been referred for placement. There will be a guest teacher in for the morning session while Mrs. Glombowski and I make the visitation.

English Language Arts

Due to the shortened week and my absences we will be reviewing Letters and words throughout the week.

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.

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 NOT be cooking this Thursday. Cooking will resume on Thursday May 10, 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.

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

May 2, 2018.....Special Olympics. No School.

May 4, 2018.....Mrs. Sloan will be absent in the morning to observe a student out of district. Guest Teacher.

May 7, 2018.....Mrs. Sloan will be out in the afternoon to attend a special performance of her daughter.

Jobs for this week

Mrs. Jasinski supervising:

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

Mrs. Villasurda supervising:

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

Mrs. Karle-Sloan supervising:

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

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