

April 9, 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had a very relaxing Spring Break. We were able to get away for one night and just have some family fun. I hope that everyone had time to spend with each other and just be a family.

Today we are HAPPY to welcome Mrs. Jasinski back to school! Please remember that she will be taking it day by day to determine how she feels. We appreciate your kind thoughts and patience as she adjusts to coming back to work as well as undergoes chemotherapy throughout the remainder of the school year.

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.

In order to accommodate requests of admittance to our program it is necessary for me to be out of the classroom this Wednesday. There will be a guest teacher in the morning while I make a visit to another school to make an observation of a student. There is a possibility that I will be out of the classroom this Friday April 13, 2018 in order to make a second observation of a second student seeking admittance to our program. Again, there will be a guest teacher. This has yet to be confirmed.

Wednesday April 11, 2017 is an early release date. Students will be dismissed at 1:55 p.m.

Thursday April 12, 2018 is our trip to the circus. We will be leaving KMS at 9:00 a.m. and return to KMS about 2:00 p.m. Please make sure that your student brings a sack lunch to school including a drink. We will be eating our lunches upon return to KMS. While at the circus we will be receiving a hot dog, water, and animal crackers. If your student is on a restricted diet please feel free to send in a snack (in a separate bag labeled snack for the circus) to be eaten while at the circus. I cannot guarantee the ingredients of any items for those with food allergies.

English Language Arts

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

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

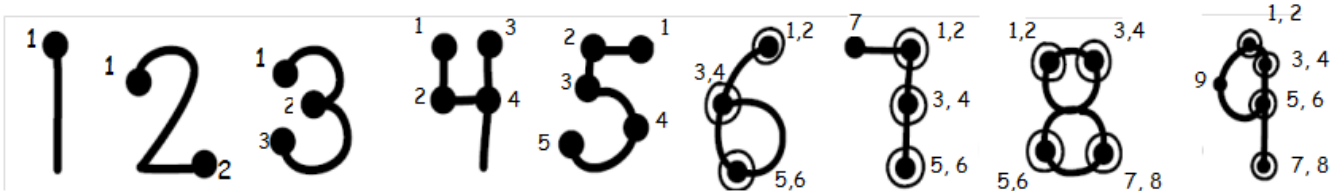
Personal Information: Students have been working on memorizing and writing their personal information. Everyone is at a different level and pacing. Staff work with students individually to help improve their skill in this area.

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 NOT be cooking this Thursday April 12, 2018. Our next cooking day will be April 19, 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 9, 2018.....School will resume
- April 11, 2018.....Early Release. Students will be dismissed at 1:55 p.m.
Mrs. Sloan absent in the morning to make an observation of another program.
- April 12, 2018.....Trip to the circus. Please bring a lunch from home
- April 13, 2018..... Mrs. Sloan absent in the morning to make an observation of another program

Jobs for this week

Mrs. Jasinski supervising:

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

Mrs. Villasurda supervising:

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

Mrs. Karle-Sloan supervising:

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

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