



May 7, 2018

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to each parent who accompanied their athlete to Special Olympics last Wednesday. We were blessed with a beautiful weather day. Overall, the events ran smoothly. The best I have experienced in a long time. Your help with bringing your athlete to the games is greatly appreciated. It makes the coordinating and planning so much easier. Mrs. Villasurda and I are very grateful for all your time and effort in coming to the games.

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.

Guest Teacher

I am scheduled to be out of the building this afternoon Monday May 7, 2018 in order to attend my daughter's Kindergarten Play. I am so looking forward to this special activity. There is a guest teacher who will be in for me starting at 11:45 a.m. through the end of the day. Ms. Askew will be the guest teacher for the afternoon. 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 8, 2018.

Mrs. Glombowski and Mrs. Nichols will be coming to the classroom in the afternoon in order to conduct the weekly social skills lesson. The students will be working on personal space and how to maintain appropriate personal space with each other.

I have to be out of the classroom in the morning on Friday May 11, 2018 in order to attend an IEPT meeting. There will be a guest teacher in for the morning session while I attend that meeting. Mrs. Gardner will be in the classroom conducting the News-2-You lesson for the week.

Half Day of School THIS Wednesday

Wednesday May 9, 2018 is a half day of school for all students in the Lake Shore Public School system. Students will be dismissed at 11:40 a.m. Please expect your student home earlier that day or plan on picking up your student at this earlier dismissal time.

English Language Arts

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

Pre-Primer Sight Word of the Week: “little”. Targeted instruction to specific groups of students will include writing “little” 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 May 10, 2018. The cost to each student is \$3.00. ***Lunch money is due WEDNESDAY May 9, 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 tenders, French fries, salad, cucumbers, 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

- May 7, 2018.....Mrs. Sloan will be out in the afternoon to attend a special performance of her daughter.
- May 9, 2018.....Half Day of School. Students will be dismissed at 11:40 a.m.
- May 11, 2018.....Mrs. Sloan will be absent in the morning attend an IEPT meeting. Guest Teacher.

Jobs for this week

Mrs. Jasinski supervising:

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

Mrs. Villasurda supervising:

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

Mrs. Karle-Sloan supervising:

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

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