



September 11, 2017

Dear Parents,

The first three and a half days of school have passed quickly. The students were eager to participate in classroom activities. We have spent a great deal of time adjusting to our surroundings. Learning the layout of the school and adapting to our daily schedule. The students are very resilient and have been very flexible with the various daily activities and the installation of carpet. Once we get through the beginning of the year activities then everything will smooth out and we will have a more set routine. I appreciate all of their efforts to adapt.

Gym

This week we will be adding changing our clothing before and after gym to our routine. This is a big adjustment for students moving from elementary school to middle school, but they quickly adapt and enjoy having the opportunity to change out of hot clothing after all of their hard exercise during gym class. We will be working on tying shoes, keeping track of our clothing, and changing quickly so we can get to lunch in a timely manner. We will be washing our gym clothes every Friday using our classroom washer and dryer.

Walking Field Trip to 7-11

We will be walking to 7-11 on Thursday September 14, 2017 located at Harper and Masonic. Students will need \$2.00 in order to purchase a small slurpee. If it is raining then we will reschedule the walking trip for a later date. Please sign the attached permission slip and return to school by Wednesday September 13, 2017.

English Language Arts/Math

We will spend this week and next week taking our trimester one Math and English/Language Arts (ELA) assessments. Some of the assessments have to be given one on one or in small groups so there may be times that I have to pull a student from an activity in order to give the assessment. I will be working with individual students during various times as well as have classroom time assigned to give the assessments in small groups. The assessments allow the student the opportunity to demonstrate to me his or her skills so that I can work with him/her to improve and build upon those current skills and see where his/her needs are in relation to the benchmarks.

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 three Remind texts so far this year. I have one scheduled for tomorrow evening 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.

Supplies

Thank you to all of the families for working to send in their student's supplies. Supply preparation can be daunting at times, but can be done in small steps. **I have a few students who still need to bring in a change of clothing for gym class (shorts, t-shirt, sweatpants/sweatshirt for outside activities once it cools down).** I do not have clothing supplies for gym class. Students without a change of clothing will not be participating in gym class. This has been policy for many years as changing clothing is part of our curriculum. Please send in gym clothing as soon as possible.

Early Release Wednesday

Our first early release day is scheduled this **Wednesday September 13, 2017**. Students will be dismissed at 1:55 p.m. Please expect your student home early. I have to attend a meeting and will NOT be available after dismissal.

Picnic

We are planning our picnic at the park on Thursday September 21, 2017. We will be making a bag lunch at school on Thursday morning and then eating lunch at the park after gym, enjoy a few games with one another, and then walk the perimeter of the park and return to school. The students always enjoy this trip and opportunity to enjoy the wonderful weather September offers. We will eat lunch in the classroom if the weather makes a turn toward extreme heat or rain. Flexibility is the key.

Open House/Curriculum Evening

Our Open House is scheduled for **Wednesday September 27, 2017 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** I will give a short presentation starting at 5:45 p.m. and then we will have a presentation from the Researchers from Friendship Circle regarding our participation last year's study and it's continuation for this year. For returning parents, this is the presentation that I gave last year with updated information as necessary for this year. Most of the information in the first day packet will be reviewed at the Open House during the presentation.

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.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter regarding emailing home the weekly newsletter. Please read the form and return it by this Friday.

Dates to Remember

September 13, 2017.....	Dismissal 1:55 p.m. Early Release Wednesday
September 14, 2017.....	Walking to 7-11 for slurpees. Leave about 1:30 and return by 3:00. Students will need \$2.00.
September 20, 2017.....	Cooking Money Due \$3.00
September 21, 2017.....	Cooking Lunch in the classroom Eating at the Park
September 27, 2017.....	Early Release Wednesday Dismissal 1:55 p.m. Open House 5:30 – 7:00

Jobs for this week

Mrs. Jasinski supervising:

Wash Dishes/Wash Laundry/Pass Newspaper/AM Messages	Gavin
Pass Journals/Dry Dishes/Spray & Wipe Doorknobs/lights	MaKayla
Wipe kitchen tables & counters/Make Ice Packs/wipe windows & Mirrors	Nick
Sweeping/Shredding/Substitute Worker:	DeShawn

Mrs. Villasurda supervising:

Clean classroom tables 1-2/Shred	Paige
Shred/Clean Chairs	Thomas
Clean classroom tables 3-4/Folding Laundry	Antoine

Mrs. Karle-Sloan supervising:

Teacher Helper/Pass Papers	Amiyah
Shred/Fold Laundry/sweep	Jayce
Pass out Today At School/Wipe Appliances/Dust	Austin
Clean Lockers/Trash/Empty Recycling Container	Latariea

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.**