

September 18, 2017

Dear Parents,

The first two weeks 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 and the time schedule. The daily schedule seems to be finally falling into line. We are focused on getting through our daily meeting in a timely manner so that we can use our time to finish trimester and goals/objectives assessments. Please know that it does take time to administer assessments to all ten of the students and we are working as quickly as possible to complete these required tasks.

<u>Gym</u>

Our first week of changing clothing for gym went well. We are still working a few kinks out including timing our entry into the locker room to maximize our time in there prior to the other students entering the locker room. The students are doing a fine job at being responsible for their clothing and belongings. We will continue to wash our gym clothes on Friday afternoons.

Walking Field Trip to 7-11

Our walking trip to 7-11 was a success. The students loved being able to get out of the room for a nice walk on a lovely afternoon. We were so blessed with the kindness shown to us by the young man who paid for all of our slurpees. We are thinking of a way to pass it on.

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.

Early Release Wednesday

Our NEXT early release day is scheduled for **Wednesday September 27**, **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 I share is what was in the first day packet and 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: <u>http://moci.weebly.com</u> 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

September 19, 2017	Mrs. Jasinski will be absent. Mrs. Villasurda will sub for her for the day. Mrs. Sloan will NOT be available before school due to a staff meeting.
September 20, 2017	Cooking Money Due \$3.00 If your student is bringing a bagged lunch from home please let me know that so I can purchase the appropriate amount of food.
September 21, 2017	Cooking Lunch in the classroom Eating at the Park Visitation to the classroom
September 27, 2017	.Early Release Wednesday Dismissal 1:55 p.m. Open House 5:30 – 7:00

Guest Teacher in October

I know that October is a few weeks off, but it will be a busy month. There are two dates that I will need to be out of the classroom. There will be a guest teacher in for two dates. I will be out of the classroom on October 5 and October 12. Any IEPTs or meetings that need to be held will be done around those two dates.

Jobs for this week

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Mrs. Jasinski supervising.		
Wash Dishes/Wash Laundry/Pass Newspaper/AM Messages		
Pass Journals/Dry Dishes/Spray & Wipe Doorknobs/lights		
Wipe kitchen tables & counters/Make Ice Packs/wipe windows & Mirrors		
Sweeping/Shredding/Substitute Worker:	Nick	
Mrs. Villasurda supervising:		
Clean classroom tables 1-2/Shred	DeShawn	
Shred/Clean Chairs	Paige	
Clean classroom tables 3-4/Folding Laundry	Thomas	
Mrs. Karle-Sloan supervising:		
Teacher Helper/Pass Papers	Antoine	
Shred/Fold Laundry/sweep	Amiyah	
Pass out Today At School/Wipe Appliances/Dust	Jayce	
Clean Lockers/Trash/Empty Recycling Container	Austin	

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 <u>kkarle-sloan@lsps.org</u>.

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-SloanJudy JasinskiJennifer Villasurda