

# MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20-24, 2017

## Curriculum

**Readers Workshop**— This week students will hear the story [A Harbor Seal Pup Grows Up](#) and practice the skill of wondering to understand a nonfiction book. We will explore features of a nonfiction book such as the glossary and index. Students will learn the vocabulary words scoot, tip, release and survive.

**Writers Workshop**— The sight words us and up will be introduced this week. Students will hear the nonfiction story [Chefs](#) and acquire a list of

things they want to know about chefs. We will then extend that and discuss other teachers and staff in the building that students want to learn more about what they do. We will come up with a list of questions as a class and interview that person if available. Students will continue their nonfiction writing as they write what they learned about chefs and the person we choose to interview.

**Math**— This week students will continue to find the sum of addi-

tion equations by using various strategies used in class. Ask your child about what strategy they've been using to help them find the answer and have them model it for you!

**Theme**— This week we will be learning about St. Patrick's Day and doing various activities such as making shamrock puzzles, doing a graphing activity with lucky charms and a shamrock long vowels activity.

## Need to Know

- ◆ March 13-17—No School—Spring Break
- ◆ Report cards will be sent home March 28th
- ◆ April 6th—Family STEAM Night from 5:30 -7:00 PM
- ◆ If interested in filling out a class placement form for next year the forms are available in the office. The deadline is April 14th. You can find more information about class placement forms in the Kennedy March Newsletter.
- ◆ April 13th—Early Release—Students are released at 12:00.
- ◆ No School—Easter Break—April 14th and 17th
- ◆ Dreambox is an online math program that students are just starting to learn about in our classroom. Dreambox is accessible at home for your child to continue their learning at home too! Dreambox can be accessed through the Kennedy website by clicking on digital resources on the left hand side. You can also access it by following the directions in the handout sent home earlier this week. Please let me know if you have any questions!

## Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

### Community Helpers/Careers Week

The week of April 10th we will be learning about community helpers and careers in our classroom. If you would like to, please consider coming into our classroom to teach us about what you do! We would love to have you from 2:15-2:45; however, if that time doesn't work for you, we can look at a different time. Please let me know if you are interested in coming in!

Thank you!