

# MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15-19, 2017

## Curriculum

**Readers Workshop**— This week students will hear the story [A-My Name is Alice](#) which is a book with lots of alliteration. After hearing the story, students will each get assigned a letter and we will make another class book similar to the framework of [A-My Name is Alice](#).

**Writers Workshop**— This week we will continue with opinion writing as students hear the story [I Love School](#). Students will write about their favorite thing we've done at school so far.

**Book Bags**— Over the course of the school year, students have been sent home three books in a plastic baggie to continue their reading at home. These book bags will end on [May 26th](#). Please return all of these books on or before [May 26th](#). **If books have been lost or damaged, please send in \$5 for each book.** Thank you!

Students will then write an opinion about how we could celebrate the end of the year together. We will share our opinions and agree or disagree with each other respectfully.

**Math**— During math this week we will continue to work with subtraction and various strategies to get the answer such as using manipulatives, using our fingers or drawing a picture. We will also continue to work with equal groups which will be extended into talking

about making shapes equal by cutting them in half.

In math this week we will also learn about our 3D shapes as students have to find objects that match.

**Theme**— This week we will be learning about fish! We will label the parts of a fish and learn about it's fins and what they do. We will compare a goldfish and a guppie. Lastly, we will practice using describing words to make a list about fish.

## Need to Know

- ◆ This Friday, May 19th— Early Release—Students are dismissed at noon.
- ◆ May 29th—No School— Memorial Day
- ◆ **Friday, May 19th** will be the last day students may check out books from the school library. All books should be returned on or before **May 22nd**. If a library book is lost, or damaged, please note the fine on the overdue slips sent home. You can write a check to Kennedy Elementary to cover the cost. We appreciate your attentiveness to this matter!
- ◆ All day field trip to the Como Zoo is May 26th.
- ◆ May and June book orders are due May 26th. This is the last book order of the year!
- ◆ May 22-26—Buy One, Get One (BOGO) Book Fair at the library. Students may purchase books during their regular library time.
- ◆ Report cards will be sent home on June 7th.
- ◆ June 8th—Last day of school! Students are dismissed at noon.
- ◆ Field Day— May 25th and 26th during your child's specialist time.

## Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

### Sun Screen

As the weather continues to be conducive to being outside, our class may spend prolonged periods (20 min+) outside learning. Please have your child bring any needed sun exposure items such as hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, etc. that you see as appropriate for your child. If your child is going to bring sunscreen, please show them how to apply it themselves.