

# MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8-12, 2017

## Curriculum

### Readers Workshop–

This week we will spend time reading the book I'm Not Scared... I'm Prepared! Which is a book about the ALICE model. ALICE stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate. These strategies would be used in the case of a dangerous person inside (or outside) the building. We will slowly go over this text and talk about different situations and what our response would be. This information will be taught in a kid-friendly way.

This will be followed by various lockdown drills, so we can practice what we've learned from the book.

### Writers Workshop–

This week we will start unit 6 which is about opinion writing. Students will hear the poem Alligators are Unfriendly and we will discuss the author's opinion and the reasons for his opinion. We will then make a list of animals we think would make good pets and animals we think wouldn't and write our opinion. We

will share our opinions and agree or disagree with each other respectfully.

**Math–** This week we will continue to work with groups and make them equal by either adding or subtracting. We will also continue our work with teen numbers and show the 10 in every teen number various ways.

**Theme–** This week we will be learning about turtles! We will learn about the parts of a turtle and will compare a box turtle versus a painted turtle. We will watch a live video of turtles hatching!

## Need to Know

- ◆ 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. Detailed information and permission slips were sent home this week!
- ◆ 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.

## Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

In literacy centers and during reading instruction we are currently learning about::

- Blends, which are a group of two or three constants that makes a distinct sound, such as pr, bl, sp, and st
- Diagraphs, which are two letters that work together to make the same sound, such as sh, th, and ch
  - Inflectional endings such as -ing and -ed
  - Long vowels

All of these things are going to help your child become a better reader and writer! Please draw your child's attention to these things as they arise.