

# MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3-7, 2017

## Curriculum

### Readers Workshop–

This week we will start unit 8, which focuses on expository nonfiction. Students will retell key details in texts by identifying and discussing what they learned from the text. We will continue to explore text features such as the index and glossary. This week we will read the story Getting Around by Plane and learn the vocabulary words travel, transportation, depart and land.

### Writers Workshop–

The sight words he and be will be intro-

duced. Last week we had many opportunities for nonfiction writing. We interviewed a friend in the class and wrote about them, we wrote about jobs we know about and we interviewed Mr. Latch and wrote about his job. You can check out all of these things in your child's March Writing Packet as it will be coming home soon. This week we will continue our nonfiction writing and write about foods we know about.

**Math–** We will start the week by taking

our unit 4 test and then move into chapter 5 which focuses on numbers 1 through 20 and deepening students understanding of teen numbers. We will have continued practice with sorting, classifying and making patterns with shapes.

**Theme–** This week students will each plant a cup of flowers. We will have four different flowers growing in our room. Students will keep an observation journal throughout the time they are in our room (which will be about a month and a half).

## Need to Know

- ◆ Family STEAM Night is this week on Thursday (April 6th)! Come to Kennedy from 5:30-7:00 PM to hear musical performances by 3rd and 4th graders, explore math games, watch science demonstrations, view students art and more!
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Make sure your child is dressed warm enough for outside recess. Please note recess is at 11:10 AM, and it has not yet reached the high temperature for the day at that time. It is always a good idea to pack an extra sweater or hat and gloves for this purpose. Thank you!

## Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

### Como Zoo

On Friday, May 26th Kennedy Kindergarteners will be going to the Como Zoo. This is an all day event. Student information and permission slips will be coming home soon.

Parent chaperones are needed! If you would like to volunteer please let me know before April 13th. Please be aware there may be a small cost for chaperones. Specific details about cost and exact times will be finalized soon. Parents will ride the bus with our class to the field trip. Each child and chaperone will bring their own bag lunch.

If you have any questions, please let me know. More information will be coming home soon!