

MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3-7, 2016

Curriculum

Writer's Workshop–

This week we will learn the correct formation for the upper and lowercase letters G, J, O, U, and S. The sight words am and like will be introduced this week. This week students will learn what labeling is and practice labeling someone's body. In their own writing, students will be encouraged to carry out labeling in their picture.

Reader's Workshop–

This week students

will hear the story Flower Garden by Eve Bunting. Students will learn the vocabulary words pedestrian, passenger, eager and assortment.

Math– Students will practice counting and identifying numbers in a group, make simple shapes and pictures by connecting the dots in order, and work with centimeter cubes and square inch tiles to make a graph. Homework will be continued to be sent home so

please look for it.

Theme– This week our theme is apples. We will talk about the life cycle of an apple tree and label parts of an apple. We will also listen to the story Ten Apples Up on Top by Dr. Seuss followed by an activity where students draw self portraits and then put 10 apples on top of their picture in the correct order.

Need to Know

- ◆ October 6th–Field trip to Carpenter's Nature Center. Please make sure you watch the weather and dress your child appropriately as we will be outside for the majority of this field trip. Also, get your child's permission slip form in ASAP if you haven't already! Thanks!
- ◆ October 7th– Fundraiser packets due
- ◆ October 17th-19th– Fall Conferences and Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ October 19th, 20th, and 21st–No School
- ◆ October 26th– Picture Retakes
- ◆ Email conferences were sent out on Monday. Please let me know if you did not receive yours.
- ◆ Fire Department Open House– October 11th from 7-9 PM

Meet Mrs. Degnan

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Hello! My name is Erika Degnan and I will be working in Mrs. McCarthy's classroom while she is away on her maternity leave. This will be my first experience at Kennedy Elementary and I am looking forward to working with the staff and families of Kennedy! I graduated from Hamline University with degrees in both Elementary Education and Psychology. Following my graduation, I spent some time working with fifth grade at Saint Marks in Saint Paul and went on to work with Kindergarten and Special Education in Stillwater last school year. I am originally from Winona, MN and when I am not busy in the classroom, I enjoy spending my time outside and coaching gymnastics. I look forward to getting to know and working with your child!

Sincerely,

Erika Degnan

