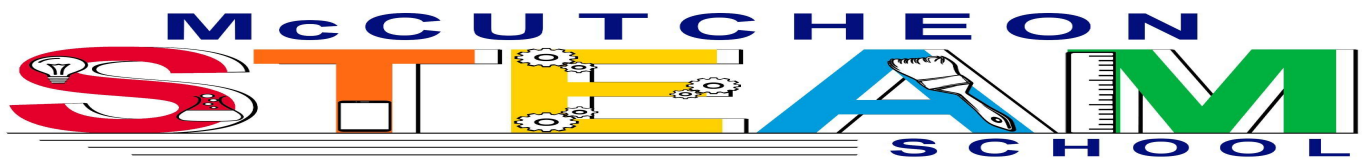


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			<b>1</b> NASCAR STEAMfest  Springboard Learning Celebration @ 4:45 p.m.  Ravenswood Food Pantry (by Door 4) 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> PBIS Extra Recess Incentive  Community Choir Performance @ 9:00 a.m.  Progress Reports Sent Home
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Vaccine Clinic 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>7</b>  Parent Support Group 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>8</b>  McDonald's Fundraiser 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b>  EOY Testing Pep Rally   Mustang Mall
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<b>26</b> MEMORIAL day  No School for Students	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> MS Field Trip to Botanic Gardens   Jeni's Ice Cream Fundraiser 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>30</b> PBIS Sneaker Ball  Q4 Awards Assembly  STEAM Showcase 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  Mustang Mall



## McCutcheon Preschool Newsletter

### **PRESCHOOL**

May is here, and we're buzzing with excitement!

It's hard to believe the school year is almost coming to an end. This month, we're excited to celebrate all the learning, growth, and fun we've had together. This month, Prek will be exploring the fascinating world of insects. From crawling caterpillars to busy bees, we'll dive into fun facts, stories, crafts, and hands-on activities all about bugs!

We will learn about insects by having and observing live caterpillars in the classroom. Watching their life cycle up close will help us understand how caterpillars grow and change into butterflies. As we observe their behavior, what they eat, and how they move, we will discover interesting facts about insects and their environment. This hands-on experience will make learning fun and help us remember what we learn about insects and metamorphosis.

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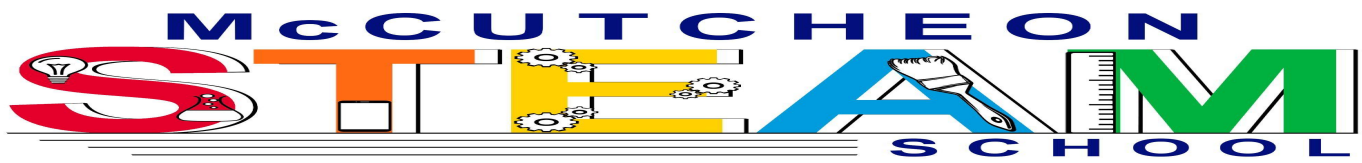
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## McCutcheon Newsletter Grades K-2

### **KINDERGARTEN - MS. ARAGON**

I am excited to announce that we are getting closer to the end of the year and our Kindergarteners have done such a wonderful job this year. We are now preparing for graduation. Graduation will take place on June 9th. Information will be sent home soon. Please save the date!

Students will bring home a copy of their graduation song and a copy of the poem they will need to practice for their graduation. Please help them rehearse the words.

In math, we will continue to work on reading and identifying numbers up to 100, simple addition and subtraction. They have done a great job so far.

In Reading we will continue to work on short a,e,i, o and u words. They will be bringing home a book they can practice reading with you. Please encourage your children to read everyday. It is important your children develop a love for reading in their early years, so they can be successful in school. Have a wonderful month and Happy Mothers' Day to you!  
-Ms. Aragon

### **1ST GRADE - MS. SCARELLI**

May is here! 🌸 Our first graders had so much fun on our field trip to the Chicago Children's Museum last month that we will be planning another fun activity for our students this month! Stay tuned for more details! We will also be taking our iReady standardized test in May, so please be sure to continue working on your reading comprehension, sight words, blending & spelling on your iReady personalized path. ALEKS can be used daily to practice addition & subtraction to 20, double digit addition & subtraction to 100, and data and measurement.

### **2ND GRADE - MS. HUDAK**

Happy spring! This month we are continuing to increase our knowledge of sight words and to expand our decoding skills by learning different syllable patterns. We are also learning how to compare and contrast two texts. In math we are learning about bar graphs, picture graphs, and line plots. Our attendance really improved last month! Thank you for sending your child to school every day and on time. I hope our attendance will be strong during the final weeks of school! Please remember that students have homework every night and on weekends so please check to make sure it is being completed. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

### **K-2 CLUSTER - MS. JANKOWSKI**

I can't believe that the end of the school year is so close! We are gearing up to begin our final Unique Learning unit for the school year: "Fast and Slow, the Earth Changes" -- this unit focuses on Earth and Space Science. This unit explores the many ways the earth changes - including earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and erosion.

As we finish out the month, please be on the lookout for information from Ms. Cochran about ESY summer school placements.

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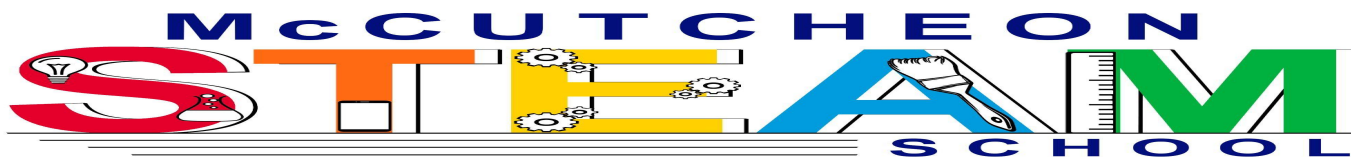
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### **3RD GRADE - MS. KELLY**

Hello third grade! Happy spring! In Social Studies, we will continue our economic unit and in science we will be starting our weather and climatology unit. In Reading, we will review our reading skills in both fiction and non-fiction. In Math, we are nearly at the end of our measurement and data unit and will be starting our geometry unit soon.

It is an exciting month ahead! We will be going on a field trip on May 22nd to perform songs for our spring choir performance. This month we will also have our end of the year testing where students are able to show how much they've grown throughout the year. Starting Tuesday, May 20th, students will begin taking their end of the year assessments - STAR and I-Ready. Student scores will be sent home when testing has been completed.

If you have any questions or questions, please feel free to contact me.

### **4TH GRADE - MS. MILLER**

Happy May Fourth Grade Families! It's hard to believe we're in our final full month of the school year! I have truly loved working with this amazing group of students—they are thoughtful, creative, and full of curiosity. It's bittersweet to think our time together is coming to an end.

This month, we'll be wrapping up our fifth literacy unit on sports, with students writing original poems about an exciting sports moment in their lives. We'll also begin our final literacy unit focused on the topic of energy. In math, we'll explore fractions as decimals, and then shift into learning about units of measurement. In science, we're finishing our unit on energy conversions and will close out the year by studying waves, energy, and information. In social studies, we'll wrap up our economy unit and move into an exciting state research project.

Thank you for your continued support—I'm looking forward to a strong finish to the school year!

In Partnership,  
Ms. Sparks

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### **5TH GRADE - MS. ANDERSON**

I am so happy it's spring! This is one of my favorite times of the school year. This season, the 5th-grade class is concluding our Personal Health Unit with Ms. Malcolm and beginning a new unit in Science. This month's unit focuses on habitats. In reading, we've started a new whole-group novel as well as a new writing project. In math, we're saying goodbye to fractions and hello to algebra and geometry. We will also spend extra time on our Second Step SEL curriculum, focusing on community building. Happy May!

### **3-5 CLUSTER - MR. LEMASTER**

Hello from 202! This month, the theme is giving and receiving. We will be reading stories about going to the grocery store, giving gifts, and differentiating between wants and needs. We will also be discussing money and the different ways that we can pay. In ELA, we will learn new sight words, letter sounds, and more. For math, students will continue practicing addition, subtraction, 2D and 3D shapes, and skip counting. In social studies, we will learn about community helpers such as astronauts, plumbers, and artists. In science, we will talk about plants and life cycles. 202 has had a wonderful year so far, and we will keep growing and growing through these last weeks of the school year!

### **ART - MS. CARAG**

Happy May! Third and fourth graders will learn cursive writing and create their own superhero in a 3D perspective plane. Fifth graders will be creating Springtime themed projects and learn about recycling.

### **MUSIC - MR. TEARSE**

Hello McCutcheon families! Moving into May, students are deep within our unit covering arrangement composition in music and working with the fundamental music elements of melody, harmony, and rhythm. Students have covered melodic performance and using bass, alto, and soprano xylophones while reading standard melodic notation. They are now working on splitting into rhythmic-drums, harmonic-ukulele, and melodic-xylophone groups to bring our performance of "Die with a Smile" to life!

Also – On Friday, May 2nd our UVC McCutcheon Choir will be performing at 10:45AM alongside the Uniting Voices Chicago Rogers Park Neighborhood Choir in the McCutcheon Branch Lunchroom. Please stop by and check out the wonderful work these students have put in alongside our UVC director Mr. Bolz!! Please feel free to reach out to me via email ([ptearse@cps.edu](mailto:ptearse@cps.edu)) if you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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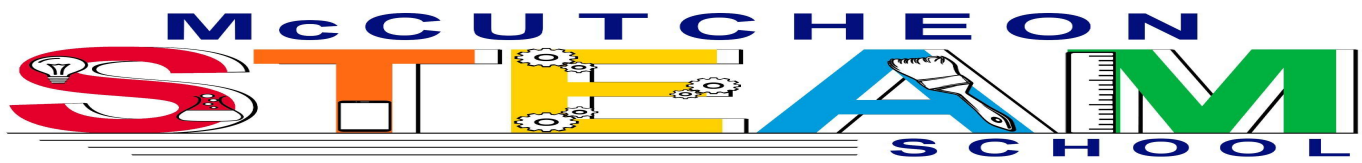
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## McCutcheon Newsletter Grades 6-8

### **ELA/6TH GRADE HOMEROOM - MR. VEACH**

This May we have a lot of important work going on in Middle School ELA! 6th grade is finishing their informational text unit and they will be writing informative texts. 7th and 8th grade are going to be comparing claims, evaluating evidence, and creating their own persuasive essays. In Social Studies, 6th graders will be learning about Ancient China and the Silk Road. 7th graders will be learning more about the Uptown community and working on Community Service Projects in Social Studies.

### **MATH/7TH GRADE HOMEROOM - MS. MEINKEN**

6th grade math students will continue working with integers, rational numbers and the coordinate plane. 7th grade math students will continue working on solving equations and inequalities. 8th grade math students will continue working on systems of equations.

### **SCIENCE/8TH GRADE HOMEROOM - MR. HENKIN**

As we approach the final full month of school, our middle school scientists have been working hard to improve their science and engineering skills!

In honor of Earth Day, your students completed a Project Based Learning project on plastic litter in our oceans. They researched the negative effects of plastic litter on the environment, marine life and human health. Students worked together to create wonderful informational posters to spread awareness and design blueprints for ways to reduce plastic use and plastic litter.

All grades will begin our final science units and continue to work on their data analysis, model making, science writing.

It has been an amazing year so far and I can't believe we are now almost done with this school year!

### **6-8 CLUSTER - MR. COLLINS**

Hello parents and students! May is here! We have about 30 days left of school. The time is flying. We still need to finish up strong. We want to remind students and families that attendance and participation is paramount. May is packed with celebrations. Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, World Cultural Day, and many more events.

In May we see the plants and trees blooming around us. The weather is beautiful. Room 301 will begin a unit called Right on the Money. In this unit students will explore making personal economic decisions such as saving and spending money wisely and understanding wants and needs. This unit students will recognize why some goods are readily available in the community and others are hard to find. Students will identify ways businesses make economic decisions based on profit and cost. Students will study how goods and services are produced. Students will identify goods made in a factory and by machines. Students will learn and compare prices of goods. Enjoy this time of year and remember to be safe.

### **ART - MS. CARAG**

Happy May! This month, sixth graders are refining their 3D food themed piñatas. Seventh graders are working on their Eid lanterns and Eight graders are building their butterfly costumes for May's Art and Music Showcase.

### **MUSIC - MR. TEARSE**

Hello McCutcheon families! Grooving into May, students are well within their unit covering Carnival and Samba music from Brazil. To start, we have checked out the cultural origins of Samba, including learning about the Favelas in Rio. We have also researched the different instruments included within a bateria. We have created our own samba school right here at McCutcheon!! Students have already learned to perform as a bateria with call and response, and have learned one groove by ear. Moving forward, we have one more groove to learn, and then final rehearsals before our STEAM showcase on May 30th!

ROCK BAND rehearsals are Tuesday afternoons from 3:45-5:15PM. The Rock band just had their first performance at the 2025 CPS RE\*VER\*BER\*ATE Festival at the Chicago Cultural Center downtown. I am really proud of how the band came together and performed, and we are excited to continue growing from that performance as we present more music at the STEAM showcase on May 30th!

Also, our CONCERT BAND rehearses BOTH Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-6PM. It is crucial that students are attending as many rehearsals as possible, as these instruments require hours of practice! The new music we are rehearsing for the concerts at the end of the year is very fun, but also difficult. Wednesdays we are fortunate to have 2 DePaul University graduate music students to come and work with our Brass and Clarinet sections.

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### **COUNSELOR - MS. MALCOLM**

8th Grade Parents and Guardians - The Rolling Waitlist is open for all students if you are interested in placing your student on a waitlist at a different school form where they accepted. Students will go back into their account and add schools or reapply to schools to add themselves to their waitlist. Students may remain on a waitlist until January 2026 for Choice Schools or September 2025 for Selective Enrollment Schools. Waitlist offers go out twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am.

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