

Ms. Long's Classroom News

This month, we're focusing on the IB attribute of communicating. I encourage you to help us practice this skill at home, helping your child express themselves clearly, kindly, and respectfully. ☺

Happy birthday to
Fiona (12/29)!



NOTES

- * Please review your child's **Tri. 1 report card** with them, sign the envelope, & return the envelope to me by **this Friday, 12/15**
- * For tomorrow's **field trip to St. Vincent de Paul**, please send your child with a **paper sack lunch & extra snack**
- * Remember we've our annual **Christmas pageant** this Wednesday evening! Please have your child here (in the classroom) by 6:15 p.m., & wearing their "**Sunday best**" (or **uniform**) for the evening's performance
- * With Christmas around the corner, help support our school as you purchase gifts using the **SCRIP program!** Forms can be found in the Thursday packet or front office
- * If you're able to donate any **healthy snacks**, for our class' **Christmas party** Friday a.m., please send them in by Friday – thanks!
- * Join us for St. Luke's **BINGO Bash & Karaoke Night**, Friday Jan. 12th at 6 p.m.! Forms can be found in the Thursday packet
- * **First Reconciliation** is just around the corner (Jan. 13th)! Please help your child prepare by practicing & praying the Act of Contrition
- * Students are invited to wear "comfy clothes" (pajamas okay) for **Thursday's Polar Express party** in 2nd grade

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 4: Subtract 2-digit #s review – test on Wed.; Christmas Math stations (solving addition & subtraction word problems). Use www.aleks.com for enrichment & <https://xtramath.org> for fact practice
- Language Arts/Reading:** Super Kids Unit 3 Week 4 stories & skills focus on spelling & reading "soft c" and "soft g" words; identifying and using abbreviations; using sequence words to tell a story. For spelling games, use <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/MsLong98133> to practice
- Writing:** Opinion writing with Christmas "Would you rather?" prompts; writing Christmas cards to St. Vincent de Paul
- Religion:** Making Advent wreaths; building a class Jesse tree
- Social Studies:** presenting "Then and Now" community change posters; finishing community maps
- Art:** Christmas gifts (shhh... a surprise for you!)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Class field trip to St. Vincent de Paul** – Tues. 12/12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **St. Luke Christmas Pageant** – Wed. 12/13 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **2nd grade Polar Express party** – Thurs. 12/14
- **Free dress & class Christmas party** – Fri. 12/15
- **Christmas caroling competition** – Fri. 12/15
- **Christmas Break** – Fri. 12/15 at 12:00 p.m. through Mon. Jan. 1st

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 3 week 4 Spelling test, Fri. 12/15
Unit 3 week 4 Spelling packet, due Fri. 12/15
- **Math:** Chp. 4: Subtraction test, Wed. 12/13

