

Ms. Long's Classroom News

This month, we're focusing on the IB attribute of being "principled," which means acting with integrity & honesty. We're reinforcing that it means "doing what's right, even if no one is watching or reminding you" (their words). It also includes accepting responsibility for our actions, as well as their consequences.



NOTES

- * For our Mystery Science experiments this week, I'm asking each child to **bring in a pair of long socks by Thursday**
- * Today we started our **Winter MAP tests**, taking our Language Arts test first. We'll continue assessing tomorrow and Thursday mornings. Thanks for helping to ensure your child gets plenty of rest & has breakfast to help keep them alert during testing!
- * Due to MAP testing, there **won't be new Super Kids spelling words** or h/w this week
- * You're invited to join us this Friday for an **anti-bullying assembly** called "The Power of One." The assembly starts at 9 a.m. in the auditorium
- * Students have been hard at work in P.E. classes learning a special dance for CSW! Please plan on bringing your child - and joining us - for their **dance performance Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the gym**
- * **Catholic Schools Week** is coming up in just 2 weeks! Please join us for **Mass at 9 a.m.**, as well as our Open House on Sunday, 1/28
- * Please encourage your child to build their reading skills by reading daily! We recommend at least 10 minutes a day/night. **January readings are due Feb. 1st**

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 5: Place Value to 1,000, lesson 7 (comparing numbers to 1,000). Review of place value, reading/writing numbers, & comparing numbers, as well as telling time to the nearest ½ hour. Test on Fri. 1/19 Use www.aleks.com or <https://xtramath.org>, for enrichment or fact practice
- Language Arts/Reading:** Super Kids Unit 4 Week 2 Super Magazine stories (only) & skills: summarizing & communicating with illustrations. No new Spelling list or h/w for the week
- Writing:** Editing and proofreading practice; comparing & contrasting winter animals in Scholastic News articles
- Religion:** Second Step lessons focusing on being respectful, focusing attention, & listening skills; reflecting on experiences of 1st Reconciliation & symbols associated with their lessons
- Science:** In our Mystery Science unit (lesson 2), students explore answers to "Can you really fry an egg on a hot sidewalk?" Using their knowledge of insulating and conducting properties of different materials, they'll design & build oven mitts
- Art:** blending & shading with "Snowmen at Night" artwork

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MAP testing (2nd grade)** - Tues. 1/16 - Thurs. 1/19
- **Power of One anti-bullying assembly** - Fri. 1/19 at 9 a.m. in auditorium
- **Free dress (end of month)** - Fri. 1/26
- **Catholic Schools Week Mass**, Sun. 1/28 at 9 a.m.
- **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)**, Mon. 1/29 - Fri. 2/02
- **CSW dance performance**, Tues. 1/30 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Free dress (CSW)** - Fri. 2/02
- **Student assembly** - Fri. 2/02 at 2:15 p.m.
- **2nd Trimester progress reports** - Fri. 2/02

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math:** Chp. 5: Place Value test, Fri. 1/19 (Ms. Long's Math class only)

