

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

- * Last week we took our **Winter MAP tests**, assessing all your child has been learning, & is ready to learn, this year. I look forward to communicating those results & scores with you once all tests have been taken
- * 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 next week! 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**
- * I'd like to have a small class **Valentines' Day party on Wednesday, 2/14**. If you're able to donate some healthy treats (keep in mind it's Ash Wednesday, too) or Valentine-themed stickers, games, props, etc. please send them in this/next week. Thank you!
- * If your child would like to **exchange Valentines**, as well, please make sure they include a card/treat for everyone (all 13 kids)

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 6: Adding 3-digit Numbers, lessons 1 - 3 (making 100 to add, 3-digit addition with & without regrouping).
Review of telling time & subtraction facts. Use www.aleks.com or <https://xtramath.org>, for enrichment or fact practice
- Language Arts/Reading:** Super Kids Unit 4 Week 2 stories & skills focus on spelling & reading words with "-igh," "stle," and "-sle." Skills include writing & use past & present tense verbs. For spelling games, use <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/MsLong98133> to practice
- Writing:** Editing and proofreading practice; writing friendly letters for Catholic Schools Week; comparing & contrasting winter animals in Scholastic News article, "Prey on Ice"
- Religion:** Second Step lessons focusing on using "self talk" to handle distractions & being assertive; review of "Our Father" prayer
- Science:** In our Mystery Science unit (lesson 3), students explore answers to "Why are so many toys made out of plastic?" Using their knowledge of melting, as well as the 3 states of matter, they'll test the "meltable" property of candy. Check out more videos about it at <http://studyjams.scholastic.com/studyjams/jams/science/matter/solids-liquids-gases.htm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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 appreciation (CSW) assembly**, Fri. 2/02 at 2:15 p.m.
- **2nd Trimester progress reports sent home**, Fri. 2/02
- **Ash Wednesday Mass**, Wed. 2/14
- **Valentines' Day party**, Wed. 2/14 at 2:15 p.m.

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 4 week 2 test, Fri. 1/26
Unit 4 week 2 Spelling packet, due Fri. 1/26

