

Ms. Long's Classroom News

This month, we are practicing the IB trait of being "open-minded." As a class, we discussed how this means listening to other ideas besides our own, trying new things (a new game, food, friends, etc.), and accepting other ways of doing things. Please help further these conversations at home by talking about ways your child can be open-minded at home, too.



NOTES

- * If you haven't yet, please take a moment to review your child's **progress report** & grades on PowerSchool. Then **sign the envelope and return it with your child by this Friday**
- * I'm still waiting for district scores to be entered, but as soon as they are in, I'll be sending home your child's **MAP reports**. We're eager to share your child's AMAZING growth!
- * I'd like to have a small class **Valentines' Day** party on **Tuesday, 2/13** (Tuesday, because it's Ash Wednesday on Wednesday). If you're willing to donate some healthy treats, Valentine-themed stickers, games, props, etc. please send them in this week. Thanks!
- * If your child would like to **exchange Valentines**, please make sure they include a card/treat for all 13 kids (a class list was sent home Friday to help)
- * **Fundraiser packets** came home today. Please take a moment to read the material & learn how your family can help support our school (& earn cool Coop prizes!) through these sales. **Packets are due Friday, 2/23**
- * For **Monday's field trip**, please remind your child they should be in **uniform**. We'll be back in time for lunch here at school, so **lunch as usual** (no need to send a sack lunch)

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 7: Subtracting 3-digit Numbers, lessons 1 - 3, strategies for subtracting 3-digit numbers. Continued review of counting money & identifying coins. Use www.aleks.com or <https://xtramath.org>, for enrichment or fact practice
- Language Arts/Reading:** Super Kids Unit 4 Week 4 stories & skills focus on spelling & reading words with "-tion" patterns. Skills include identifying homonyms, and using quotation marks. For spelling practice, use <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/MsLong98133>
- Writing:** Editing and proofreading practice
- Religion:** As part of our Lent preparations, we're studying St. John the Baptist & his example of humility; Second Step lessons focusing on respecting others' preferences & showing compassion to others
- Science:** Our concluding activity for the Material Magic unit involves having students apply their knowledge of the 3 states of matter, as well as the cooling & melting properties of materials, to make ice cream in a bag!
- Art:** teaching texture (with a Jim Dine twist) for a Valentines' Day project

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **(Magazine) Fundraising Drive**, Mon. 2/05 - Fri. 2/23
- **"My Father's Dragon" play (field trip)**, Mon. 2/12, 9 - 11:45 a.m.
- **Valentines' Day party**, Tues. 2/13 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Matsiko Children's Choir assembly**, Tues. 2/13 at 1:10 p.m.
- **Ash Wednesday Mass**, Wed. 2/14 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Noon dismissal (teachers' in-service)**, Thurs. 2/15
- **Teachers' in-service/Presidents' Day (no school)**, Fri. 2/16 - Mon. 2/19



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 4 week 4 test, Fri. 2/09
Unit 4 week 4 Spelling packet, due Fri. 2/09
- **Reading:** Super Kids unit 4 benchmark test