

# 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

- \* **Re-registration letters** came home with your child Friday afternoon. Please take some time to read through the information, and return those forms **by Friday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- \* We're having a class **Valentines' Day** party tomorrow morning. Your child is welcome to **wear Valentine colors** (red, pink, purple, white, etc.) to school. If your child would like to **exchange Valentines**, please make sure they include a card/treat for all 13 kids
- \* **Our magazine fundraiser** is in full swing, and we need your help! Help support our school (& earn cool Coop prizes!) through these sales. **Packets are due Friday, 2/23**
- \* As per Fr. Brad's request, our entire school will be attending **Mass every Wednesday afternoon at 2:15 p.m. during the Lenten season**. As always, you're welcome to join us!
- \* Fun fact: Today we celebrated our **100<sup>th</sup> day of school!** Think of how much your child has grown in past 100 days!
- \* 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!**
- \* We'll be participating in classroom **Spelling Bees** next week. Lists will come home early this week

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 7: Subtracting 3-digit Numbers, lessons 5 & 6 (regroup 100s & subtracting 3-digit #s); review of telling time. Use [www.aleks.com](http://www.aleks.com) or <https://xtramath.org>, for enrichment or facts.
- Language Arts/Reading:** Assessment of Super Kids Unit 4 stories & skills, as well as units 1 - 4 skills (mid-year benchmark). Preparing for classroom Spelling Bees
- \*There's no Super Kids spelling or h/w for the week (unit testing)
- Writing:** Writing 1<sup>st</sup> drafts of opinion papers on what our role should be in taking care of the Earth (part of our IB unit)
- Religion:** Continuing in our Lent preparations, we're studying St. John the Baptist & his example of humility, as well as discussing Ash Wednesday & Lent symbolism
- Social Studies (IB unit):** Introductory activities to explore the central idea that "Being good stewards of the Earth is our right and responsibility." Activities include watching The Lorax, reading Earth Day literature, & discussing our role in caring for Earth
- Art:** Teaching texture for a Valentines' Day art project

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **(Magazine) Fundraising Drive**, Mon. 2/05 - Fri. 2/23
- **Valentines' Day party & dress**, Tues. 2/13
- **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
- **Mass**, Wed. 2/21 at 2:15 p.m.
- **Free Dress**, Fri. 2/23



## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Reading:** Super Kids unit 4 progress test, Tues. 2/13  
Super Kids mid-year benchmark (units 1 - 4) test, Wed. 2/14