

Ms. Long's Classroom News

This month, we are practicing the IB trait of being "risk takers," which might look like sitting somewhere different at lunch, playing with someone new at recess, trying a new food, sharing a creative idea, and speaking out more in class. How can your child practice this at home?



NOTES

- * Please help ensure your child is reading at least 10 minutes a night. This practice helps build their fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. **March reading logs** are due BEFORE Easter break (3/30)
- * As part of our IB unit studies, we're **building "trash people"** & evaluating how much trash we consume each week. Ask your child about how their character is coming along!
- * We need your help with the **Lenten food drive!** Please help support the St. Vincent de Paul community by bringing in any **non-perishable/non-expired food items** this week (**ends Thurs. 3/15**)
- * We're also supporting an Eagle Scouts project & taking any donations of **hygiene items** (toothbrushes, combs, deodorant, etc.) – thank you for your generosity this Lent season!
- * Our **2nd Trimester ends this Thursday**, March 15th. Please help make sure any late or absent papers get finished up & turned in by Thursday, then. Thank you!
- * We've our 2nd play/**field trip next Tuesday, 3/20** & are seeing a performance of "Pete the Cat." We should be back in time for lunch, so no need to pack a lunch, but please remind your child there's no free dress on field trips. Thank you!
- * Mark your calendars for **1st Communion dates!** There's a parent meeting on Thursday, April 12th at 6 p.m. in the auditorium, a parent/child practice on Thursday, May 10th at 7 p.m. in the Church, & 1st Communion on Saturday, May 12th at 10 a.m.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 8: Money, lessons 3 & 4 (counting coins & money word problems). Use www.aleks.com, <https://xtramath.org>, <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>, & <https://www.turtlediary.com/games/money.html> to practice money & facts
- Language Arts/Reading:** Super Kids Unit 5 week 4 stories & skills focus on spelling & reading words with "long e" sounds (spelled -ey, -ie, -ine, -eeze, & -ease), using compound words, & conjunctions. For spelling practice, use <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/MsLong98133>
- Writing:** Finishing literature circles with 3 different chapter books; students practicing a variety of jobs to engage in their daily reading; "Who is Worth More than Gold..." St. Patrick's Day writing prompt
- Religion:** Studying St. Francis of Assisi, a model of gratitude in showing thanks for all creation by caring for people & animals. In 1st Eucharist studies, Chp. 3: Jesus Teaches Us How to be Happy focuses on 3 actions that lead to happiness & how the Eucharist creates a friendship w/ God
- Social Studies (IB unit):** Exploring central idea that "Being good stewards of the Earth is our right and responsibility." Activities include evaluating our weekly trash/recycling by creating "trash people" & discussing ways we can reduce the amounts of trash we throw away

A note about safety:

From here on out, all doors (including the front door) will be **unlocked at 8:15 a.m.** & then **relocked at 8:40 a.m.**

At the **end of the day**, only the front door & the Bowman Plaza door will unlock at dismissal, then relock 15 minutes later. Please remember to **sign in & get a visitor's badge** any time you visit the school. These procedures are in place to help keep all of our/your kids safe – thank you for your help!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Lenten Food Drive**, Mon. 3/05 – Thurs. 3/15
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/14 at 2:15 p.m.
- **End of 2nd Trimester**, Thurs. 3/15
- **Teacher in-service day (no school)**, Fri. 3/16
- **"Pete the Cat" play (field trip)**, Tues. 3/20
- **Trimester 2 report cards sent home**, Fri. 3/23
- **Free dress**, Fri. 3/23
- **Stations of the Cross**, Fri. 3/30 at 11:30 a.m.
- **Noon dismissal/Easter break**, Fri. 3/30 – Sun. 4/08



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 5 week 4 Spelling test, Thurs. 3/15
Super Kids unit 5 week 4 h/w due, Thurs. 3/15
- **Math:** Chp. 8: Money test (Ms. Long's class only), Wed. 3/21