

# 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?

Happy birthday to-  
whooo Abby (3/20)!



## 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 built "trash people" – look for photos of your child's trash person on our class' website
- \* We're still looking for donations of **hygiene items** (toothbrushes, combs, deodorant, etc.) for an Eagle Scouts project. The drive will run all month
- \* We've our 2<sup>nd</sup> play/**field trip tomorrow**, where we'll be 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
- \* Mark your calendars for **1<sup>st</sup> Communion dates!** There's a parent meeting on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the auditorium, a parent/child practice on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Church, & 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.
- \* We've been hard at work preparing our class' "Seattle Skyline" **Auction project**. Ask your child about the buildings, tourist spots, creatures, & more they're drawing & painting for this awesome, one-of-a-kind project!
- \* Speaking of, don't forget to register for our **St. Luke "Cinco de Mayo" Auction on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>!** Forms are in the front office, or in the weekly Thursday packets

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 8: Money, lesson 5 (counting money with dollars & cents), & review of money (test on Wed.) Review of geometric shapes. Use [www.aleks.com](http://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 assessments in spelling, comprehension, vocab usage, & grammar skills (using quotation marks, end punctuation, contractions, & conjunctions) as practiced in unit 5. Practicing using quotation marks with elbow macaroni activity. Reading Scholastic News article, "Wild Wild Wind" & finding main ideas & supporting details
- Writing:** Unit 5 writing assessment: Easter Break opinions writing prompt
- Religion:** Studying St. Nicholas, a model of generosity by sharing his money with others. In 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist studies, Chp. 4: We Give Thanks to God focuses on being thankful & honoring God at Mass on Sundays
- Social Studies (IB unit):** Exploring central idea that "Being good stewards of the Earth is our right and responsibility." Activities include discussing ways we dispose of trash & consequences of not disposing of trash properly, seeing a case study of "Trash Island," & discussing ways we can reuse materials to make new things
- Art:** drawing & painting "Seattle Skyline" Auction art project

### 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

- **Start of 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester**, Mon. 3/19
- **Feast of St. Joseph Mass**, Mon. 3/19 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/21 at 2:15 p.m.
- **"Pete the Cat" play (field trip)**, Tues. 3/20
- **Trimester 2 report cards sent home**, Fri. 3/23
- **Free dress**, Fri. 3/23
- **Reconciliation (for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders)**, Mon. 3/26
- **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 test, Mon. 3/19
- **Math:** Chp. 8: Money test (Ms. Long's class only), Wed. 3/21