

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 THIS Friday, March 30th**
- * **Scip March Madness ends this Friday, 3/30** - help support our school with SCRIP orders. The class with the highest % of participation wins a pizza party & free dress (& we're in the lead!)
- * We're still looking for donations of **hygiene items** (toothbrushes, combs, deodorant, etc.) for an Eagle Scouts project. The **drive ends this Friday, 3/30**
- * Mark your calendars for **1st Communion dates** (see calendar below)
- * **Spring conferences** are coming up soon (4/19 and 4/20). Please look for a **sign-up link** (through Sign up Genius) by the end of the week
- * We've been hard at work finishing up 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 Sat., May 5th!** Forms are in the front office & Thursday packets
- * **St. Luke "spirit wear" envelopes** came home last week. If you'd like to purchase items, please send any forms & money in by Friday, 3/30
- * In honor of the solemnity of Good Friday, we'll be using minimum resources (no lights or electronics), & following **Stations of the Cross**, we will be **dismissing in silence** (please help with this)

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** **My Math** Chp. 9: Data Analysis, lessons 1 - 3 (taking surveys & making/analyzing picture graphs); review of geometric shapes. Use <https://xtramath.org>, <http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>, & <https://www.turtlediary.com/games/second-grade/math.html> to practice Math facts, graphs, geometric shapes, time, money, & more
- Language Arts/Reading:** **Super Kids** Unit 6 week 1 stories & skills focus on spelling & reading words with "aw" sounds (spelled -al, -aw, -augh, & -ough), using past tense verbs, quotation marks, & alliteration. For spelling practice, use <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/MsLong98133>
- Writing:** Unit 6 writing skills focus on writing paragraphs organized with main ideas (topic sentences) & supporting details
- Religion:** Palm Sunday & Holy Week discussions. In 1st Eucharist studies, **Chp. 5: We Learn from the Bible** focuses on the "Parable of the Sower" (Mark 4: 1 - 20) & how we hear God's Word in the Liturgy (Mass)
- Social Studies (IB unit):** Exploring central idea that "Being good stewards of the Earth is our right and responsibility." Includes studying the Great Pacific Garbage Patch - what's in it, how it got there, effects on the Earth - then creating action plans of how to address this problem
- Art:** Palm tree/leaves Holy Week artwork

Safety Reminders:

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. All other doors will stay locked (even ones by our primary wing).
 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

- **Stations of the Cross**, Fri. 3/30 at 11:30 a.m.
- **Noon dismissal & Easter break**, Fri. 3/30 - Sun. 4/08
- **1st Communion parent meeting**, Thurs. 4/12 at 6 p.m. (auditorium)
- **Father Daughter Dance**, Fri. 4/13 (auditorium)
- **Usborne Book Fair**, Mon. 4/16 - Fri. 4/20 (auditorium)
- **Parent-teacher-student conferences**, Thurs. 4/19 & Fri. 4/20
- **1st Communion parent/child practice**, Thurs. 5/10 at 7 p.m. (Church)
- **1st Communion**, Sat. 5/12 at 10 a.m. (Church)



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** **Super Kids** unit 6 week 1 Spelling test, Fri. 3/30
Super Kids unit 6 week 1 h/w due, Fri. 3/30
- **Reading:** March reading log due, Fri. 3/30
- **Trimester 2 report card (signed) envelopes due**, Fri. 3/30