

Ms. Long's Classroom News

This month, we are practicing the IB trait of being "reflective," which might look like reflecting on the way in which you learn best, advocating for that kind of environment, recognizing our own strengths and weaknesses, & being proactive in our own learning. How can your child practice this at home?

Happy birthday to-
whooooo Andy (4/24)!!



NOTES

- * Thank you for sharing time with me last week to discuss your child's progress! I'll be sending home copies of the conference form today - keep these at home for your reference
- * Mark your calendars for 1st Communion dates!
- * Don't forget to be working on those 1st Communion banners, due Thurs. 5/10, too! Pictures of past banners are on our class' website under the "photo gallery" tab
- * Don't forget to register for St. Luke's "Let's Fiesta" Dinner & Gala Auction next Sat., May 5th! Forms are in the front office & Thursday packets
- * Spring MAP testing (for 2nd graders) will start Tuesday, May 8th & run through the 10th. You can expect to see reports with scores, suggestions for practice, etc. from these tests by the end of May
- * Check out some of the summer programs & camps available at St. Luke, & sign up at <https://www.stlukeshoreline.net/summer-program>
- * Auditions for the St. Luke Variety Show are this Tuesday & Thursday during lunch recess. Remember, performances are limited to 1 minute each, and all students interested must show their act at 1st auditions (participation is optional)
- * April reading logs are due next Tuesday. Please make sure your child is reading at least 10 minutes a night, & recording their reading nightly
- * Yesterday was Earth Day, & what better holiday to extend our lessons of being "good stewards of the Earth?" What can you & your 2nd grader do at home to honor "Earth Day" everyday?

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 10: Time, lessons 1 - 3 (telling time to the hour, ½ hour, & time word problems). 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 3 stories & skills focus on spelling words with "w" beginning sounds & using prefixes mis- and dis-. Using Scholastic News article, "Wheelchair Racer," to practice identifying text features & using evidence from text in our responses. For spelling practice, use <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/Mslong98133>
- Writing:** Finishing our action plans to address waste mismanagement in Mabul (assessment for IB unit)
- Religion:** In 1st Eucharist studies, Chp. 8: We Pray as Jesus Taught Us focuses on praying the Our Father & how the prayer prepares us for the Eucharist at Mass (Matthew 6: 5 - 13)
- Science:** Starting our Mystery Science unit where students explore how water reshapes the Earth's surface. In lesson 1, kids explore the question, "If you floated down a river, where would you end up?" & make models of mountains & hills to see how rivers flow

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Free dress**, Fri. 4/27
- **"Let's Fiesta" Dinner & Gala Auction**, Sat. 5/05
- **MAP testing (2nd graders)**, Tues. 5/08 - Thurs. 5/10
- **1st Communion parent/child practice**, Thurs. 5/10 at 7 p.m. (Church)
- **1st Communion**, Sat. 5/12 at 10 a.m. (Church)
- **Mass at Bishop Blanchet H.S. (field trip)**, Fri. 5/18 (8:45 - 11:15 a.m.)
- **St. Luke Variety Show**, Wed. 5/23 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Spring Concert**, Wed. 5/30 at 6:30 p.m. (auditorium)

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 6 week 3 Spelling test, Fri. 4/27
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- **Reading:** April reading log due, Tues. 5/01
- **Religion:** 1st Communion banners due, Thurs. 5/10

