

Ms. Long's Classroom News

This month (May), we are practicing the IB trait of being "thinkers." Being thinkers focuses on thinking *before* doing. Thinkers solve problems independently, and can imagine many solutions to a question or challenge. They make good decisions, and can predict the consequences of their words & actions. Help your child practice this at home – pose real life problems and questions like "Do you have any ideas of how to do ____?" or "How can we do this differently?"



NOTES

- * 1st Communion is just around the corner (next Saturday, 5/12). Don't forget there's a practice that you & your child should plan to attend Thursday, 5/10 at 7 p.m. Remember those 1st Communion banners are 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 this Sat., May 5th! You can check out some of the class art projects – including our beautiful Seattle Skyline project! – in the main foyer of the school. Thank you to Mrs. Fox, and all parent volunteers, who helped create such a beautiful project! For more auction info & details, go to <https://secure.maestroweb.com/default.aspx?OrgID=1145>
- * Spring MAP testing (for 2nd graders) is next Tuesday, May 8th – 10th. You can expect to see reports with scores, suggestions for practice, etc. from these tests by the end of May/early June
- * 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
- * April reading logs are due tomorrow (Tuesday). Please help ensure these logs are signed & put in their h/w folders tonight, to turn in tomorrow. New May reading logs will come home Tuesday

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 10: Time, lessons 4 – 6 (telling time to the quarter hour, nearest 5 minutes, & using a.m. & p.m.); also reviewing money, measurement, & shapes. Use <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 4 stories & skills focus on spelling compound words, using singular & plural pronouns, & identifying facts & opinions. For spelling practice, use <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/MSLong98133>
- Writing:** We're using the Scholastic News article, "Bugs in your Hair?" to practice identifying main ideas & details, & using evidence from text
- Religion:** In 1st Eucharist studies, Chp. 9: Jesus is Present with Us Now focuses on Jesus' presence in the Word & Eucharist, and practicing the proper way to receive Holy Communion (focus story is Luke 24: 13 – 35). Also practicing taking Communion in preparation for next Saturday
- Science:** We're working in our Mystery Science unit where students explore how water reshapes the Earth's surface. In lesson 2, kids explore the question, "Why is there sand at the beach?" by investigating the effects of rocks tumbling in a river, and the role sand plays at a beach

UPCOMING EVENTS

- "Me Casa Es Su Casa" Family Night Auction, Fri. 5/04 at 5 p.m. (auditorium)
- "Let's Fiesta" Dinner & Gala Auction, Sat. 5/05 at 5:30 p.m. (auditorium)
- 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)
- Field Day, Thurs. 5/31

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Reading:** April reading log due, Tues. 5/01
- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 6 week 4 Spelling test, Fri. 5/04
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- **Religion:** 1st Communion banners due, Thurs. 5/10

