

Ms. Long's Classroom News



This month, 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 this coming Saturday, May 12th. Don't forget there's a practice that you & your child should attend on Thursday, 5/10 at 7 p.m.
- * Remember your child's 1st Communion banners are due at this meeting on Thursday, too! Pictures of past banners are on our class' website
- * If you'd like to purchase 1st Communion photo packages, please bring the picture form & money to on Saturday – pictures start at 9 a.m.
- * It was wonderful to see many of you this weekend at the Gala Auction – thank you for your support in preparing for and attending the event, as well as supporting our school!
- * On Thursday morning, we will celebrate a Marian Mass – you're welcome to join us! In honor of Mary, we ask that you send your child in with a flower Thursday a.m. to place on the altar
- * Spring MAP testing (for 2nd graders) started today (it was moved up to today due to Mass on Thursday) & goes through Wednesday. Please ensure your child gets plenty of rest and eats a full breakfast to help them prepare for testing
- * You can expect to see reports with MAP scores, suggestions for practice, etc. by early June
- * Check out some of the summer programs & camps available at St. Luke, & sign up at <https://www.stlukeshoreline.net/summer-program>
- * Sunday we celebrate all of you wonderful mothers & thank you for the love & support you give! Your child will bring home a little gift for you on Friday to say "thanks!"

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 10: Time, lesson 6 (telling time up to 5-minute intervals using a.m. & p.m.); review of chapter for test on Friday. 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:** No new Super Kids spelling list – we're testing for Unit 6 skills such as spelling practiced words, using prefixes, verbs, pronouns, summarizing, finding main ideas & details, and using editing conventions of capitalization, end punctuation, quotation marks, & commas
- Writing:** We're using the Scholastic News article, "World's Weirdest Animal?" to practice identifying main ideas & details, as well as identifying text features in non-fiction articles
- Religion:** In 1st Eucharist studies, Chp. 10: We Are Sent Forward in Love focuses on how Jesus showed love through service, like washing his disciples feet (from John 13: 1 – 17); rehearsing for 1st Communion
- Science:** We're working in our Mystery Science unit where students explore how water reshapes the Earth's surface. In lesson 3, kids explore the question, "What is strong enough to make a canyon?" by creating a model of rain & land to explain how a canyon is formed

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MAP testing (2nd graders)**, Mon. 5/07 – Wed. 5/09
- **Teacher Appreciation Day**, Tues. 5/08
- **Marian Mass**, Thurs. 5/10 at 9:30 a.m.
- **1st Communion parent/child rehearsal**, 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

- **Religion:** 1st Communion banners due, Thurs. 5/10
- **Math:** Chp. 10: Time test, Fri. 5/11
- **Reading:** Super Kids unit 6 test

