

May 14th, 2018

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?"

Happy birthday to-
whooooo Ms. Long
(5/20)!!



NOTES

- * Congratulations to all 2nd graders who made their 1st Communion this Saturday! Thank you, too, to you & your families who helped prepare them & support them along the way!
- * You can expect to see your child's Spring MAP scores, growth reports, suggestions for summer 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>
- * We made our school fundraising goal, so there will be no school on Friday, May 25th, giving you an extra day for Memorial Day break!
- * I'm sending home final Scholastic Book Fair flyers this week. If you'd like to purchase any books for summer reading, you order online at <https://clubs.scholastic.com/myreadingclubaccount> using class code NDWX9, or send in checks to me.
- Orders are due Wednesday, 5/23
- * Call backs for the St. Luke Variety Show (on 5/23) are this Tuesday & Thursday during lunch recess – please help me remind your child
- * We're looking for volunteers to help with Field Day on Thursday, May 31st. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4baaa82ba2fa7-field>
- * We'll be outside working in the garden tomorrow, so please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes, sunscreen, & maybe even a hat
- * Spring Concert is Wed. May 30th. Please have your child here at 6 to have their faces painted

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 11: Measurement, lessons 1 – 3 (inches, feet/yards, & customary tools to measure length). Review of time & 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 7 week 1 focuses on spelling words with "long a" patterns, using comparative & superlative adjectives, capitalization rules, & identifying text features in non fiction texts
- Writing:** We're using the Scholastic News article, "The Science of Sand Castles" to practice identifying main ideas & details, as well as identifying text features in non-fiction articles
- Religion:** Reflecting on 1st Communion & lessons learned by creating 1st Communion "houses" and designing sheep to represent "being found" through 1st Communion (Parable of the Lost Sheep); reviewing parts & prayers of the Rosary (May is the month of Mary)
- Science:** We're working in our Mystery Science unit where students explore how water reshapes the Earth's surface. In lesson 4, kids explore the question, "How can you stop a landslide?" They'll design & test ways to keep water from washing away a hill modeled out of cornmeal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mass at Bishop Blanchet H.S. (field trip), Fri. 5/18 (8:45 – 11:15 a.m.)
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Fri. 5/18 at 6:30 p.m. (auditorium)
- St. Luke Variety Show, Wed. 5/23 at 1:30 p.m. (auditorium)
- Memorial Day weekend (no school), Fri. 5/25 – Mon. 5/28
- Spring Concert, Wed. 5/30 at 6:30 p.m. (auditorium)
- Field Day, Thurs. 5/31

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- Language Arts: Super Kids unit 7 week 1 Spelling test, Fri. 5/18
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- Reading: May reading logs due, Fri. 6/01

