

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

- * We made our school fundraising goal, so there's **no school this Friday, May 25th**. Enjoy the long Memorial Day weekend, & we'll see you Tuesday
- * I sent home final **Scholastic Book Fair flyers** last week. If you'd like to purchase any books for summer reading, you can order online at <https://clubs.scholastic.com/myreadingclubaccount> using class code NDWX9, or send in checks to me. **Orders are due this Wednesday, 5/23**
- * Come experience all the talents our students have to offer at our **St. Luke Variety Show this Wednesday at 1:30** in the auditorium
- * 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>
- * Our **Spring Concert** is next Wed. May 30th. Please have **your child here (in the auditorium) at 6 p.m.** to have their faces painted for their "Of Mice & Mozart" performances
- * Also, if you're able to **help with costumes & face painting** for the Spring Concert, please contact Ms. Dirska at jdirkska@stlukeshoreline.org
- * 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>

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 11: Measurement, lessons 7, 9, & 10 (centimeters, meters, comparing & relating metric lengths) - test on Thursday. Review of 2D 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 2 focuses on spelling words with "long e" patterns, using the suffix "-ness," homonyms, 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:** Reviewing parts & prayers of the Rosary, as well as practicing the Hail Mary prayer (May is the month of Mary)
- Science:** We're wrapping up our Mystery Science unit by exploring how water is recycled and reused in the water cycle, & how we can help conserve this precious resource. Also starting Mystery Science unit on animal biodiversity. In lesson 1, students explore how scientists classify animals based on their characteristics

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St. Luke Variety Show**, Wed. 5/23, 1:30 – 3 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
- **Mass & last day of school**, Fri. 6/15 (Mass at 9:30 a.m.)

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 7 week 2 Spelling test, Thurs. 5/24
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- **Math:** Chp. 11: Measurement test, Thurs. 5/24
- **Reading:** May reading logs due, Fri. 6/01

