

Ms. Long's Classroom News

Our school's theme is "Together We Can Change the World by being..." This month, we focus on being "BALANCED" intellectually, emotionally, and physically. I encourage you to continue these conversations at home with your children, asking "Where can you practice being "balanced" at home, with family, with friends, etc.?" and helping them brainstorm ways to be balanced.



NOTES

- * Again, I'm still looking for "parent homework" from a few of you - if you haven't gotten that email/letter to me yet, please do so ASAP. Mrs. Hansch and I read - and value - the insights & info you share with us ☺
- * **SIGNED September reading logs were due today.** A reminder that it's expected that your child is reading & recording 10 minutes a night. (Late logs are accepted, and expected, as they're entered as a Reading grade)
- * New **October reading logs** came home with your child today, & are due Thurs. Nov. 1st
- * Please remember to **read both Mrs. Hansch's and my newsletters** for updates on your child's Math & Reading progress
- * Thank you for your support with our St. Luke-a-thon last week! Just a **reminder that fundraising materials & money is due Oct. 19th**
- * **Scholastic's October book flyers** came home with your child today, too. If you'd like to purchase new books for your child to read, please order online by Wed. October 10th
- * A friendly reminder to please **send your child with a rain jacket or coat** every morning. Typically we'll go outside, rain or shine - thank you!
- * Thursday morning we'll have a special "**Blessing of the pets**" in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day. Your child is welcome to either bring their pet, or a photo/picture of their pet, to school with them that morning - but kindly please take that pet home with you after the morning blessing ☺

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math: Ms. Long's class only** My Math Chp. 1: Applying Addition & Subtraction Concepts, lessons 11 - 13 (Missing addends, fact families, & multi-step word problems). Chp. 1 test on Friday, 10/05
- Language Arts/Reading: Ms. Long's Reading class only**
- * No new Super Kids unit, due to MAP testing. Review of short "a" sounds & patterns; leveled reading assessments; phonemic awareness assessments. Sending home "book bags" (keep at home during unit 1)
- Writing:** Unit 1 - writing an autobiography. This week, we're writing our 1st drafts & starting to edit each other's work
- Religion:** Learning that God gave us free will; practicing praying the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary." Fr. Brad visits about 1st Reconciliation
- Social Studies:** Reading Scholastic News, "Friends Make it Fun" & discussing/writing "friendship tips"
- IB:** Exploring how "Plants and animals work interdependently to create healthy ecosystems." This week, our guiding question is "Should you water a cactus?" Students will discover how important sunlight & water is to all plants, but in various amounts, & check in on their "grassheads" from last week

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MAP testing (2nd grade)** - Mon. 10/01, Th. 10/04, & Fri. 10/05
- **One Church begins!** - Wed. 10/03 @ 6:30 p.m.
- **Blessing of the Pets** - Thurs. 10/04 @ 8:30 a.m.
- **Faculty Retreat (NO SCHOOL)** - Fri. 10/12
- **Mental Health Wellness presentation** - Tues. 10/16

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** no test this week (MAP testing)
- **Math (Ms. Long's class):** Chp. 1: Addition & Subtraction test, Fri. 10/05
- **Reading:** October's reading log, due Th. 11/01 (read 10 min. a night)

