

# 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

- \* During our faculty meeting last week, Mr. Boyle & all faculty reviewed the "Policy of Respect" in the St. Luke student handbook. We are focusing on this school-wide to ensure there is respectful behavior throughout the school. We encourage you to discuss this policy with your child, as well, using the link [Policy of Respect](#)
- \* New **October reading logs** came home with your child today, & are due Thursday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>
- \* Please remember to [read Mrs. Hansch's newsletter](#), as well, for updates on your child's Math & Reading progress ([Mrs. Hansch's News](#))
- \* Just a reminder that **fundraising materials & money** is due this Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> trimester **progress reports** envelopes will be coming home Friday afternoon. Please log on to PowerSchool to review your child's grades. Then sign the envelope & return it with your child by next **Friday, 10/26**
- \* We're going to the Zoo! Please complete your child's **permission slip** & return the form - and \$10 - to us by Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>
- \* We're continuing work in our **Second Step/ Bullying Prevention** unit this week, reviewing our class' Essential Agreements (class rules decided upon by the students), & identifying safe actions & words we can use to help follow those rules
- \* Please continue to send in those Box Tops! Our **Box Top contest ends Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** - and remember, winners get free Jamba Juice! ☺

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math: Ms. Long's class only** My Math Chp. 3: 2-digit Addition, lessons 4 - 6 (adding 2-digit #s). Access online tutorials, h/w, & more at <https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/connected/login.do>
- ELA/Reading: Ms. Long's Reading class only** Super Kids u.2 week 1 skills include identifying plurals, spelling words with -ss spelling patterns, recognizing syllables, & identifying "short e" patterns
- Writing:** Unit 2 focuses on effective word choice, using figurative language, & organizational structure as we write original poetry
- Religion:** Starting Sacrament of Reconciliation preparation work with Go Seek Find Chp. 1: Jesus is Always with Us, & exploring how Jesus is present in Sacraments & how his resurrection inspires forgiveness
- Social Studies:** Reading Scholastic News, "Here Come the Fire Horses!" to practice reading comprehension w/ non-fiction text
- IB:** Exploring how "Plants and animals work interdependently to create healthy ecosystems." This week, our guiding question is "How many different kinds of animals are there?" Students will explore ways to classify animals by their characteristics
- Art:** Saguaro cacti & animals in a desert habitat (ties w/ IB unit)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mental Health Wellness presentation** - Tues. 10/16 @ 6 p.m.
- **Feast of St. Luke Mass** - Thurs. 10/18 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Great Washington Shake Out** - Fri. 10/19
- **1<sup>st</sup> Trimester progress reports** - Fri. 10/19
- **Box Tops contest ends/fundraiser \$ due** - Fri. 10/19
- **Picture retakes (rescheduled)** - Tues. 10/30
- **Field trip to Woodland Park Zoo** - Wed. 11/07

## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 2 week 1 Spelling test, Fri. 10/19  
Unit 2 week 1 Spelling packet, due Fri. 10/19
- **Reading:** October's reading log, due Th. 11/01 (read 10 min. a night)

