

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Together We Can Change the World by being..." This month, we're focusing on being "knowledgeable" and acquiring information about the world around us. I encourage you to continue this at home, prompting your child to learn and discuss the topics they're learning in school with you and your family. Perhaps you've real-world experiences to share with them, or deeper questions to help them apply this knowledge outside of school!



NOTES

- * **Scholastic book orders** are due today! If you'd like to order books for Christmas gifts, please get those online orders in ASAP. Books will arrive by Thurs. 12/20, & I can keep them a secret for you, if you'd like - just let me know!
- * If you haven't yet, please help your child write down their **address & phone number** on the worksheet provided, & return to school ASAP
- * Please remember to review your child's **Trimester 1 report cards**, then sign the envelope & **return it to me by this Friday, Dec. 14th**
- * Mark your calendars for our **St. Luke Christmas pageant on Wed., December 19th at 6:30 p.m.!** Students should come dressed as shepherds & soldiers, wearing dark clothes underneath robes & with some sort of frock (see Ms. Dirska's letter for more info)
- * As part of our IB unit, students will make **"Then & Now" posters** to identify changes in their local communities & the impact they've had. Directions, rubrics, & poster board came home with your child today - **posters are due 12/18**
- * With Christmas around the corner, help support our school as you purchase gifts with the **SCRIP program!** Forms can be found in the Thursday packet or front office

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math: Ms. Long's class My Math** Chp. 10: Telling Time lessons 1 - 4 (Telling time to nearest hour, half hour, & quarter hour); review addition facts - quiz on Friday
- ELA/Reading: Ms. Long's Reading class Super Kids** Unit 3 Week 4 stories & skills focus on patterns with soft c (sounds like s) & g (sounds like j); writing with abbreviations in titles (see attached Word Workbook page for reference)
- Writing:** In Unit 3, we're writing & editing friendly letters to a relative or friend
- Religion:** In Chp. 7: Jesus Helps Us Always, we learn that Jesus helps us in times of trouble, using the metaphor of Jesus calming a storm at sea (Matthew 8:23 - 27); making Advent lapbooks & learning about Advent symbolism
- Second Step:** Lesson 3 focuses on using "self talk" to be better learners that are focused & on-task
- IB:** This week in our unit, "History can help shape our community for the common good," we are exploring places in our communities that have changed, and why. After modeling a "Then & Now" project for the class, students will complete this task with a building in their local community. Directions, rubric, & poster board came home today

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe** - Fri. 12/12 @ 9:30 a.m.
- **St. Luke Christmas Pageant** - Wed. 12/19 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Christmas caroling competition** - Fri. 12/21
- **Christmas Break** - Fri. 12/21 (@ noon) - 1/06

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Misc.:** (Signed) Tri. 1 report cards due, Fri. 12/14
- **Language Arts:** Super Kids u.3 wk 4 Spelling h/w due & test, Fri. 12/14
- **IB:** "Then & Now" posters due, Tues. 12/18
- **Math:** Chp. 10: Telling Time test, Thurs. 12/20
- **Reading:** December's reading log, due Mon. 1/07 (read 10 min./night)

