

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

- * Our **class Christmas party** will be this Friday from 9:15 - 10 a.m. Please see the email from Mrs. Murphy about supplies or volunteers needed
- * 2nd graders are leading the 4th Week of **Advent prayer this Friday**. You're welcome to join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium
- * We've our St. Luke **Christmas pageant this Wed., December 19th at 6:30 p.m.!** Please have your child here by 6:15 p.m., & dressed as shepherds or soldiers (Dark clothes underneath robes & with some sort of frock - see Ms. Dirska's letter for more info)
- * A reminder your child's "Then & Now" posters, about changes in their local communities & the impact they've had, **are due tomorrow (12/18)**. Please send your child with their rubric, as well
- * 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
- * Listen for the sounds of St. Luke staff **singing carols at carpool** Friday morning!
- * First Reconciliation is just around the corner! Please help your child **practice praying the Act of Contrition** at home (prayer sent home & posted on website)

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math: Ms. Long's class** My Math Chp. 10: Telling Time lessons 5 & 6 (Telling time to nearest 5 minutes & a.m./p.m.) & review; Chp. 10 test on Friday; review addition facts - quiz on Friday
- ELA/Reading: Ms. Long's Reading class** Super Kids Unit 3 test (taken online); review of unit 3 Grammar skills (quotation marks, commas, abbreviations, etc.)
- Writing:** We're finishing writing our friendly letters to a relative or friend, as well as addressing an envelope. Students are also writing letters to Santa as part of their Unit 3 assessments
- Religion:** Finishing making our Advent lapbooks & learning about Advent symbolism; preparing for Advent prayer on Fri.
- 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," students are presenting their "Then & Now" posters to the class. They're also finishing drawing maps of their neighborhoods, using map skills like reading a compass rose, creating a map key, & drawing detailed features of their community

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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
- **First Reconciliation** - Sat. 1/12 @ 10 a.m.

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 3 test, Mon. 12/17
- **IB:** "Then & Now" posters & rubrics 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)

