

January 7th, 2019

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

This month, we're focusing on the IB attribute of being "principled," which means acting with integrity & honesty. We're reinforcing that it means "doing what's right, even if no one is watching or reminding you" (their words). It also includes accepting responsibility for our actions, as well as their consequences. I encourage you to continue this discussions at home, and help your child identify ways to practice being principled at home, too!



NOTES

- * **Reading logs** for **January** came home today, & are **due Feb. 1st**
- * (signed) **December reading logs** were due today, but can be turned in throughout the week
- * Please help your child prepare for their 1st Reconciliation by **practicing the "Act of Contrition,"** and **preparing 2 -3 sins to confess.**
- Today we went through a kid-friendly "examination of conscience," and we'll model a confession both in the classroom & in the confessional in Church, too
- * **Scholastic book flyers** came home today. I know Christmas has come & gone, but if you'd like to purchase some books for the new year, please submit orders online [here](#) by Thursday evening
- * We'll be taking our **Winter MAP tests** in the next few weeks. Dates are TBD, but 2nd graders will likely test at the end of the month
- * We'll be starting **DIBELS testing** (to check reading fluency) in Reading classes next week

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 5: Place Value to 1,000, lessons 1 - 3 (place value to the 100's and 1,000's); practice subtraction facts (quiz on Fri.); review of Fall topics for MAP testing at end of month
- Language Arts/Reading:** Super Kids Unit 4 week 1 skills focus on kn- and -gn/gn- spelling patterns, using the prefix un-, & using a dictionary as reference
- Writing:** Unit 4 starts by focusing on using sequence words to describe how to do a task, like build a snowman
- Religion:** In Chp. 8: The Holy Spirit Teaches Us, we learn to recognize the Holy Spirit as it guides us in an Examination of Conscience; celebrating Epiphany (on Jan. 6th) with Epiphany activities, king's cakes, & sharing blessings for the new year
- IB:** Starting our Mystery Science unit which focuses on the idea that *Inventions are dependent on available materials and human ingenuity.* This week, students will explore answers to the question, "Why do we wear clothes?" They'll learn about the different properties of materials used for clothing, then will select materials needed to construct hats to protect them from the sun
- Art:** Studying perspective by drawing snowmen at night

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Sat. 1/12 at 10 a.m. in Church
- **MLK, Jr. Day (no school)** - Mon. 1/21
- **Tri. 2 Progress reports** - Fri. 1/25
- **Free dress & Father/Daughter dance** - Fri. 1/25
- **CSW Open House** - Sun. 1/27, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **MAP testing** (TBD - probably the week of 1/28 - 2/01)
- **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)** - Mon. 1/28 - Feb. 2/01

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- * **Language Arts:** Super Kids u.4 wk 1 Spelling h/w due & test, Fri. 1/11
- * **Math (Ms. Long's class):** Subtraction facts quiz, Fri. 1/11
- * **Reading:** January reading log due Fri. 2/01 (read 10 min./night)

