

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

This month, we are practicing the IB trait of being "open-minded." As a class, we discussed how this means listening to other ideas besides our own, trying new things (a new game, food, friends, etc.), and accepting other ways of doing things. Please help further these conversations at home by talking about ways your child can be open-minded at home, too.

Happy birthday  
to-whooo Tilda  
(2/07)!



## NOTES

- \* We'll be having a class **Valentines' Day** party on **Thursday, 2/14**. Mrs. Petkovits sent an email out with more details. If your child would like to write Valentines Day cards, refer to the class list
- \* Our school's **Magazine fundraiser** is on! From the comforts of your own "snowed-in" home, you & your child can easily send out emails or call friends/family to participate (more info @ [Mag sale](#))
- \* Please make sure your child continues to **read an "at level" book** at home for at least 10 minutes a day (30 minutes is a better goal for snow days). Also, ask them to read aloud to you and discuss the book/story to build comprehension
- \* Mark your calendars for **Dr. Seuss Reading Day** (for K - 2nd graders) on Friday, March 1st. Each student may invite a special friend to read with
- \* A reminder that you can **access games & websites** using [this link](#) to practice various skills (reading, math, spelling, etc.). These can be great activities for your child on snow days...
- \* Congratulations to all 2nd graders who participated in the **Spelling Bee** on Friday! Special congratulations to Eileen, Cash, & Jared who will go on to the school spelling bee! The date of the school bee will be
- \* Check out **middle schooler's play, Annie Jr.** next week! More info here: [Annie](#)

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math: Ms. Long's class** *My Math* Chp. 4: Subtracting 2-digit Numbers lessons 7 - 8 (check subtraction & write number sentences); review identifying shapes; please encourage your child to practice their Math facts at home, too
- ELA/Reading: Ms. Long's Reading class** *Super Kids* Unit 4 Week 4 stories & skills focus on spelling & reading words with "ph" and "gh" sounds, as well as "-tion"; skills include using quotation marks with dialogue & understanding homonyms. Identifying nonfiction features in *Scholastic News* article, "Lincoln's Beard." Students are encouraged to read this article at home at [Scholastic News](#) (the student password is MsLong103)
- Writing:** For our stewardship IB unit, we're writing opinion pieces on whether it's our responsibility to care for the Earth
- Religion:** 1st Eucharist studies - Chp.3: We Ask for Forgiveness focuses on how we ask for forgiveness to prepare for Eucharist & uses Matthew 5: 1 - 12 (Jesus teaches us how to be happy)
- Second Step:** Bullying Prevention lesson 3 helps kids learn to recognize bullying & apply assertiveness skills to refuse bullying in response to scenarios; home links are due end of the week
- IB:** Starting our new IB unit, *Being good stewards of the Earth is our right and responsibility*. I encourage you to continue these conversations about being good stewards at home, too

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Magazine Fundraiser** - 2/04 - 2/22
- \* **Valentines' Day party**, Tues. 2/14 at 10:30 a.m.
- \* **Noon dismissal (teachers' in-service)**, Thurs. 2/14
- \* **Mid-Winter Break (no school)**, Fri. 2/15 - Mon. 2/18
- \* **Annie, Jr. play**, Th. 2/21 - Sat. 2/23
- \* **Dr. Seuss Reading Day** - Fri. 3/01 from 2 - 2:40 p.m.



## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Second Step:** Lesson 3 home link due, Th. 2/14
- **ELA:** *Super Kids* unit 4 week 4 test & h/w due, Wed. 2/13
- **Reading:** February reading log due Fri. 3/01 (read 10 min./night)