

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

This month, we are practicing the IB trait of being "thinkers." Being thinkers focuses on thinking *before* doing. Thinkers solve problems independently, and can imagine many solutions to a question or challenge. They make good decisions, and can predict the consequences of their words & actions. Help your child practice this at home – pose real life problems and questions like "Do you have any ideas of how to do ___?" or "How can we do this differently?"



NOTES

- * Congratulations to all 2nd graders who made their **First Eucharist last Saturday!** I'm so proud of all of them, and it was so exciting to see them receive the Eucharist again today at our Marian Mass!
- * **May Scholastic book order flyers** will come with your child last week. Should you like to order books for summer - and help build our library! - order [here](#) by **Fri. 5/10**
- * **Spring MAP testing** (for 2nd graders) will be on **Wed. May 15th, Fri. May 17th, and Tues. May 21st.** You can expect to see reports come home with their Tri. 3 report card
- * Remember to review your child's **progress report online**, then sign and return their child's report card envelope **by Fri. 5/10**
- * A reminder that we've our **final field trip to St. Vincent de Paul's Food Bank** on June 6th. Please complete & return those permission slips to me ASAP
- * Our school is participating in a contest to sell **auction raffle tickets and pre-order Friday night family auction tickets.** The winning class will receive a Ben and Jerry's waffle cone party, so please help us sell those raffle tickets!
- * On May 24th we are scheduled for a half day or - if we meet our fundraising goal - NO SCHOOL. We need all families to participate in our **St. Luke Annual Fund Drive.** Use this link to get your tickets for the auction, or make a payment to the annual fund if you have not had time to do this:
<https://www.stlukeshoreline.net/annual-fund>

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math: Ms. Long's class** My Math Chp. 12: Geometric Shapes lessons 1 - 4 (2D shapes, 3D shapes, & sides & angles). Review of place value & counting money. Please help your child practice their addition & subtraction Math facts daily (5 min.). *All students' goals are to pass Level 2 tests by the end of the year*
- ELA: Ms. Long's class** Super Kids Unit 7 week 2 stories & skills focus on spelling & reading words with long e patterns, identifying homonyms, and writing with the suffix -ness. Also practicing comprehension & vocab skills with non-fiction articles in unit 7 Super Magazine themed around water
- Writing:** Identifying nonfiction features in Scholastic News article, "A Plastic Straw Problem" & crafting an argument in favor of or against banning plastic straws. Also working on SuperKids lessons to help students write personal stories
- Religion:** Reflecting on First Eucharist
- IB:** Exploring our Water & Wind Erosion IB unit with the central idea that "Wind and water erosion occur quickly or slowly and change the land." This week, students will explore the question, "What's Strong Enough to Make a Canyon?" Students will use a model of rain and land to explain what causes a canyon to form

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Teacher Appreciation Week**, Mon. 5/06 - Fri. 5/10
- **MAP testing (2nd grade)**, Wed. 5/15, Fri. 5/17, and Tues. 5/21
- **Bishop Blanchet Mass**, Thurs. 5/16 at 9:35 a.m. (Bishop Blanchet H.S.)
- **St. Luke Family Auction**, Fri. 5/17 and **Gala Auction**, Sat. 5/18
- **Visit St. Luke Garden**, Tues. 5/21
- **½ day OR No School (Fundraiser goal day)**, Fri. 5/24
- **Spring Concert**, Wed. 5/29 at 6:30 p.m.
- **SVdP Food Bank field trip**, Thurs. 6/06
- **Field Day**, Wed. 6/12
- **Last day of School** (Mass & 10:30 dismissal), Fri. 6/14

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Misc.:** signed progress report envelopes due, Fri. 5/10
- **ELA (Ms. Long's):** Super Kids unit 7 week 2 tests & h/w due, Fri. 5/10
- **Reading:** May reading log due Fri. 5/31 (read 10 min./night)

