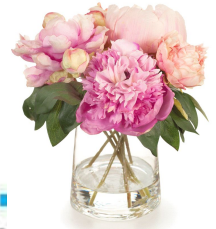


MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

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

- * **Spring MAP testing** (for 2nd graders) starts this **Wed. May 15th**, and continues on **Friday, May 17th** and **Tuesday, May 21st**. You can expect to see reports come home with their Tri. 3 report card at the end of the year
- * Remember 2nd graders have their special **Mass at Bishop Blanchet High School** this Thursday morning. Please send your child in uniform (no free dress); we'll be back in time for normal lunch hours/hot lunch
- * Our school is participating in a contest to sell **auction raffle tickets and pre-order for this Friday night's Family Auction**. The winning class will receive a Ben and Jerry's waffle cone party, so please help us sell those raffle tickets!
- * Thanks to your hard work & participation in our fundraising drives, our school has earned a **day off on Friday, May 24th!** Enjoy your 4-day Memorial Day weekend!
- * We still 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>
- * A reminder that we've our **final field trip to St. Vincent de Paul's Food Bank** on June 6th. Look for a confirmation email from me about drivers early this week

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math: Ms. Long's class** My Math Chp. 12: Geometric Shapes lessons 5 - 8 (partitioning shapes & identifying fractions). Review of counting money. Please also 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 3 stories & skills focus on spelling & reading words with long i patterns, identifying & writing with onomatopoeia, and writing with quotation marks. Also practicing comprehension, writing, & vocab skills with Super Kids Book Club book, Love and Roast Chicken
- Writing:** Identifying nonfiction features in Scholastic News article, "Garden Defender," & learning how ladybugs help gardens. Also working on SuperKids lessons to help students write first drafts, then edit, personal stories
- Religion:** Discussing symbolism of shamrocks and the Holy Trinity; reviewing Mass order & receiving Communion for Mass on Thurs.
- 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, "How can you stop a landslide?" Students will compare multiple solutions for preventing erosion by designing and testing ways to keep water from washing away a hill modeled out of cornmeal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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
- **Memorial Day 4-day Weekend (No School)**, Fri. 5/24 AND Mon. 5/27
- **End of Year Food Drive**, Tues. 5/28 - Fri. 6/07
- **Spring Concert**, Wed. 5/29 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Free Dress**, Fri. 5/31
- **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

- **ELA (Ms. Long's):** Super Kids unit 7 week 3 tests & h/w due, Fri. 5/17
- **Math (Ms. Long's):** Chp. 12 Geometry test, Fri. 5/17
- **Reading:** May reading log due Fri. 5/31 (read 10 min./night)

