

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> graders) wraps up this week - and WOW! - we have seen some incredible growth this year! We can't wait to share their full results with you, which will be included with your child's final report card
- \* Thanks to your hard work & participation in our fundraising drives, our school has earned a **day off this Friday, May 24th!** Enjoy your 4-day Memorial Day weekend!
- \* As a token of our appreciation, all volunteers are invited to our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Thurs., May 31st at 6:30!**
- \* A reminder that we've our **final field trip to St. Vincent de Paul's Food Bank** on Thursday, June 6th. **Thank you to Mrs. Blume, Mr. Crockett, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Petras, and Mrs. Thomas for driving!** More details to come early this week.
- \* This week, we're **raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society**, and need your help! All money raised goes to funding cancer research, so any donations of coins or cash is greatly appreciated! **Fundraiser ends Thursday**
- \* As part of our "Communities' needs & wants..." unit, we're asking the kids to make a collage to demonstrate their knowledge of needs, wants, good, and services. We are **in need of a few old magazines, flyers, and ads for the kids to cut out examples** of these. If you've any of these items, we would really appreciate if you could send them in by Friday. Thank you!!
- \* We've our **Spring Concert on Wed., May 29th**. A reminder that children are asked to wear nice, Mass-appropriate attire, and to meet us in the classroom by 6:15 that evening.
- \* We've a trip the **school garden** tomorrow; please **dress your child in layers & comfy shoes**

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math: Ms. Long's class** My Math Chp. 7: 3-digit Subtraction. Review of partitioning shapes & telling time to 5 minutes. Please also help your child practice their addition & subtraction Math facts for 5 minutes a day. *All students' goals: to pass Level 2 tests by the end of the year*
- ELA: Ms. Long's class** Super Kids Unit 7 week 4 stories & skills focus on spelling & reading words with long o patterns, writing with descriptive words, & writing with quotation marks. Practicing comprehension & vocab skills with SuperKids Book Club book, Love and Roast Chicken
- Writing:** Identifying nonfiction features in Scholastic News article, "The History of Sunscreen" & learning about sun protection over the years. Also working on editing our first drafts for details on setting, character, and sequence with personal stories
- Religion:** Reviewing the role of liturgical items used in Mass, such as the Lectionary, altar, ambo, etc. Also listening to and reflecting on Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd..."
- 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 demonstrate their understanding by recreating a lab to show wind or water erosion. We're also starting our final IB unit with the central idea that **"Communities' needs and wants can impact our local goods and services."** This week, students will explore the difference between personal needs and wants.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MAP testing (2nd grade)**, Tues. 5/21
- **Visit St. Luke Garden**, Tues. 5/21
- **Parents' Club meeting (all invited!)**, Wed. 5/23
- **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
- **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**, Fri. 5/31 at 6:30 p.m.
- **SVdP Food Bank field trip**, Thurs. 6/06
- **Field Day**, Wed. 6/12
- **Noon dismissal**, Thurs. 6/13
- **Last Day of School** (Mass & 10:30 dismissal), Fri. 6/14

## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **ELA (Ms. Long's):** Super Kids unit 7 week 4 tests & h/w due, Thurs. 5/24
- **Reading:** May reading log due Fri. 5/31 (read 10 min./night)

