

Sept. 9th, 2019

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Holy Spirit, call us to action!" We start the school year by reviewing how we can apply all 10 IB attributes to this theme. I ask you to continue this at home with your children, asking "How can you be... caring? A thinker? A communicator in your actions?"



NOTES

Welcome to 1st grade! I'm looking forward to working with you to make this a great year together! Just a couple of reminders:

- * Please check your **child's homework folder** every night, & help ensure these folders come back to school every day
- * **Picture Day is Thurs., Sept. 12th** - please send your child in uniform & with their form (or go online [here](#)) if you'd like to purchase photos
- * I'll be **assessing your child** in their reading fluency, foundational reading/phonics skills, reading levels, & math skills this week. **MAP tests** will start in a few weeks. Results of these assessments will help me determine groups to best meet your child's needs, and will be shared shortly
- * Please review info sent home last week for our upcoming **fundraiser, the St. Luke-a-thon**, on Sept. 26th
- * Check our [class website](#) for info like our class schedule, policies & procedures, helpful links, spelling words, photos, etc.
- * A **September reading log** will come home on Tuesday. I'm asking your child to read 10 min. a night & color an apple for each night read. Keep these logs in a safe place; they **need to be signed** (by you) and turned in on **Tuesday, Oct. 1st**



WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Math: Using Beginning-of-Year My Math & supplemental tests to assess number sense, counting, addition & subtraction skills, & facts fluency. We'll start our My Math curriculum next week, & you can expect to see daily homework coming home starting next week

ELA/Reading: Assessing reading fluency (DIBELS), foundational reading & phonics skills (Super Kids BOY), handwriting, and reading levels (Reading A to Z) to help determine reading groups; using "Welcome Back SuperKids" review workbook to review Kindergarten phonics & spelling skills. Scholastic News nonfiction weekly article teaches kids about being good citizens in the classroom & at school

Religion: Using Call to Faith. Chp. 1: "God Made You!" explains the creation story & teaches how we're uniquely made in God's image

IB: Mystery Science mini-lesson on inventions focuses on the important role of "failure" in the process of developing solutions to problems. Students created & tested multiple paper-engineered inventions to save Bobby, a falling bobby pin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **School pictures** - Thurs. 9/12
- **Mass of the Holy Spirit** - Friday, 9/13 @ 9:30 a.m. - join us!!
- **Academic Night (K - 5th graders)** - Wed. 9/18, 6:30 p.m.
- **Safe Environment Training** (for volunteers) - Sat. 9/21, 1 p.m. @ St. Luke
- **St. Luke-a-thon** - Thurs. 9/26
- **Free Dress** - Fri. 9/27

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Misc.:** Parent homework, "all about your child" email/letter due Monday, 9/09
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night. Sept. reading log due 10/01

