

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 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

- \* Please check your **child's homework folder** every night, & help ensure these folders come back to school every day. You will start seeing daily Math homework coming home today. Please make sure this gets completed & put back in their homework folders to bring to school the next day
- \* Please continue to encourage your child to **read aloud for 10 minutes** every night to build their reading fluency. After they read, they can color an apple on their September reading log (remember: only one apple per day)
- \* Please help send out those **St. Luke-a-thon fundraising letters!** Any donations/pledges can be returned to me or the office
- \* Remember **PYP Academic Night** is this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Please meet me in the classroom to discuss 1st grade curriculum & IB units
- \* If you haven't sent me your **parent homework** yet, please do so ASAP
- \* Please read over the letter that came home today explaining our **1st IB unit**, & send in a family photo by Friday, 9/20
- \* Check our [class website](#) for info like our class schedule, policies & procedures, helpful links, spelling words, photos, etc.



## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 1: Addition Concepts, lessons 1 - 4 (Model Addition, Addition Number Sentences, & Addition Stories, & Add 0); assess addition facts
- ELA/Reading:** Finish assessing reading fluency (DIBELS), foundational reading & phonics skills, & reading levels (Reading A to Z) to help determine reading groups. Week 2 of "Welcome Back Superkids" reviews Kindergarten phonics & spelling skills. Scholastic News nonfiction weekly article, "You Can Do It," teaches about creating a growth mindset for learning
- Religion:** Using our new Finding God textbook, we start with Unit 1: "God, Our Creator & Father." This week, we'll explore how God makes everything and St. Francis of Assisi's example of loving & caring for all living things
- IB (Social Studies):** Starting our 1st IB unit with the theme *Who We Are* and central idea that "Families are unique." This week, we're exploring what families look like, starting with writing about our own families, then exploring what our local communities look like here at St. Luke, in Seattle, and in Washington. Please see my note about being a "guest speaker" & scheduling a time to come talk with our class about your unique family!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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
- **St. Luke Blue & Gold Carnival** - Fri. 9/27, 6-8 p.m. @ St. Luke Aud.
- **MAP testing (1st grade)** - Wed. 10/02 & Thurs. 10/03
- **Visit St. Luke's Learning Garden** - Tues. 10/08

## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- \* **Misc.:** Parent homework, "All about your child" email/ letter due ASAP
- \* **IB:** Send in a family photo by Friday, 9/20
- \* **Reading:** Read 10 min./night. Sept. reading log due 10/01

