

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 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)
- * I'm still looking for **"parent homework"** from a few of you - if you haven't gotten that email/letter to me yet, please do so ASAP. Thank you!
- * Thank you for attending Academic Night last week! All **info presented is posted** on our class website
- * **This Thursday** is our **St. Luke-a-thon (jog-a-thon) fundraising event!** Please continue to send out those **St. Luke-a-thon fundraising letters!** Any donations/pledges can be returned to me or the office
- * 1st graders run from 11:35 - 12:00 on Thursday. Kids are asked to wear **St. Luke colors (blue & gold/yellow)**, & can wear a cape IF they want. **Closed-toe running shoes** & a **full, labeled water bottle** are required for the day's events
- * Students are invited to wear **"free dress"** this Friday, as it's the last Friday of the month
- * For our IB unit on "families are unique," I invite you to schedule a time to come talk to us about **your unique family!** Ideal times are between 2:15 - 3 p.m.



WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 1: Addition Concepts lessons 5 - 8 (Vertical Addition, Problem Solving, & Ways to Make 4, 5, 6, & 7); skip counting for 1, 5, 10, & 100 & writing numbers to 100
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 1 lessons 146 - 150 stories & skills focus on using words with -sh, -ch, & -tch sounds, identifying problem & solution, & writing with nouns & pronouns. Scholastic News nonfiction weekly article, "Apple Science," teaches about asking & investigating scientific questions
- Writing:** Unit 1 focuses on narrative writing, writing sentences about past events and times they've felt happy, sad, mad, or scared, and adding details with words & pictures
- Religion:** Continued work in Unit 1: "God, Our Creator & Father." This week, we'll explore how God cares for us & ways we can show love. Practicing praying the "Our Father" & "Hail Mary"
- IB (Social Studies):** Working in our *Who We Are* IB unit with the central idea that "Families are unique." This week, we're reading books about what families look like, as well as unique family traditions and beliefs. I'm sending home a bit of homework this week about the origin of your child's name; please help share the story of their name, and send this paper in. We'll share these stories this week, as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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
- **Science presentations** - Thurs. 10/10

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **IB:** Origin of your child's name h/w, due Thurs. 9/26
- **Language Arts:** Super Kids unit 1 Spelling test, Fri. 9/27
Unit 1 week Spelling h/w due, Fri. 9/27
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night. Sept. reading log due 10/01

