

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Holy Spirit, call us to action!" This month of October, we'll focus on being "CARING." I encourage you to continue this at home with your children, asking "Where can you practice being "caring" at school, at home, with your friends, with your family, etc.?"



## NOTES

- \* Please check your **child's homework folder** every night, & help ensure these folders come back to school every day. You will see some **graded work** coming home today; this is for you to review & keep at home. Graded work will be entered on PowerSchool, & I encourage you to check your child's progress by logging in on PowerSchool weekly
- \* **Signed September reading logs are due tomorrow!** I'll be sending new October ones home with your child tomorrow. Please continue to encourage your child to **read aloud for 10 minutes** every night & color in a pumpkin (remember, only one pumpkin a day!)
- \* Thank you for your support at last Thursday's **St. Luke-a-thon!** **In the next few weeks, please help your child collect any pledges made in their name.** Any donations/pledges should be returned in those original envelopes to the office (or send with your child & we'll send them up)
- \* We'll start **MAP testing this Wednesday & Thursday.** If you haven't already, please **send your child in with a pair of headphones to keep here at school!** Please also help ensure they get a good night's sleep & eat a hearty breakfast/pack snacks those 2 days
- \* Another **Superkids unit 1 blending sheet** on -sh, -ch, & -tch sounds came home today. Please help your child **read these words aloud every night.** Students will be tested on their oral recitation of these words on Fri.
- \* **"Blessing of the pets"** is this Friday at morning carpool, at appx. 8:25 a.m.



## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 1: Addition Concepts, lessons 9 - 12 (Ways to Make 8, 9, & 10, & Find Missing Parts of 10); skip counting & place value review; **MAP testing on 10/02**
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 1 lessons 151 - 156 stories & skills focus on using words with -sh, -ch, & -tch sounds & writing with nouns & pronouns. Read unit 1 Super Duper non-fiction magazine, "Fix It," which teaches about fixing things in space. Read Scholastic News nonfiction weekly article, "Schools Long Ago & Today," which teaches about differences in schools in the past & present day, & reviews capitalization rules; **MAP testing on 10/03**
- Religion:** Continued work in Unit 1: "God, Our Creator & Father." This week, we'll explore how God cares for everything he made, including us, and study St. Francis of Assisi's example
- 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 unique family traditions and beliefs. Books include Lightning Comes in a Jar & The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco. After reading, students will reflect on unique traditions they have in their families, and will create a "lightning jar" & "quilt" in class. **\*Note:** *Most work from these IB units will be kept here at school & put into your child's IB portfolio. These portfolios will be shared at conferences, & will come home with your child at the end of the school year*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MAP testing (1st grade)** - Wed. 10/02 & Thurs. 10/03
- **Green School Assembly** - Wed. 10/02 @ 2:15 p.m.
- **Blessing of the Pets** - Fri. 10/04 at 8:25 a.m.
- **Science presentations** - (changed to) Mon. 10/07
  - *families invited to presentations* - Mon. 10/07 @ 6:30 p.m.
- **1st graders visit St. Luke's Learning Garden** - Tues. 10/08

## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- \* **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; Sept. reading log due Tues., 10/01
- \* **Language Arts:** Superkids unit 1 blending quiz, Fri. 10/04
- \* **Math:** Chp.1: Addition Concepts test, Wed. 10/09

