

# MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Holy Spirit, call us to action!" This month, we'll focus on being "CARING" - acting & speaking with kindness - and "BALANCED" - taking care of your body, brain, & heart to be healthy. I encourage you to continue this at home with your children, asking where & how they can practice being caring and balanced at home, with their friends, with your family, etc.



## NOTES

- \* Keep collecting those **Jog-a-thon pledges!** All money is **due by this Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> trimester **progress reports** envelopes will be coming home Friday afternoon. Please log on to PowerSchool to review your child's grades. Then sign the envelope & return it with your child by next **Friday, 10/25**
- \* Remember I'll also include a copy of your child's **Fall MAP scores**. We'll spend some time talking about them at Fall Conferences, but if you've more immediate questions or concerns, please email me
- \* Please read the grocery store field trip letter (sent home Thurs.) & complete your child's **permission slip by Wed., 10/16**
- \* Please continue to send in any **Box Tops** in a bag with your child's name & grade on it. Students who collect the most per class earn a free dress coupon; the classroom that collects the most earns extra recess/free time! **Box Top contest ends Fri., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**
- \* Remember, **purchasing SCRIP is a win-win for our school! You can fill out an order & send it in with your child, or purchase SCRIP in person on Friday mornings from**
- \* Remember, we're looking for donations of party items - and volunteers to help (day of) - for a **Seahawks party on Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Donations include: Seahawks decorations, pre-game snacks, food for a half-time meal, paper plates, utensils, a Seahawks cake, etc. If you can bring in any items, please contact our room moms at [rybalski4.0@gmail.com](mailto:rybalski4.0@gmail.com) and [the.valts@gmail.com](mailto:the.valts@gmail.com)

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

**Math:** My Math Chp. 2: Subtraction Concepts, lessons 1 - 4

(Subtraction stories, model subtraction, subtract 0 & all). Access online games, tutorials, copies of homework, & more at <https://connected.mcgraw-hill.com/connected/>

**ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 2 lessons 161 - 164 stories & skills focus on using words with -th and -wh sounds, identifying onomatopoeia, & writing with question words (who, what, when, where, why, etc.). Reading Scholastic News nonfiction weekly article, "Saved from the Smoke" which teaches about fire safety.

Please discuss your family's fire safety plan at home this week

**Writing:** Unit 2 focuses on informative writing & teaches kids how to ask, write questions, & research answers to those questions.

This week we'll practice writing questions about - then researching - more information about parrots

**Religion:** Unit 1: "God, Our Creator & Father." This week, we'll explore how God cares for us as a loving Father. Also learning the history - & praying a decade - of the Rosary each week

**IB:** Working in our *Who We Are* IB unit, "Families are Unique." This week, we're learning why families move & make financial decisions. Books include Henry & Mudge & Annie's Good Move, Alexander Who's Not Going to Move, & The Big Buck Adventure

**Second Step:** Lesson 2, learning to focus attention

Happy birthday this month to-whooh:

- \* Jameson - 10/08
- \* Maggie R. - 10/09
- \* Serafina - 10/20
- \* Brielle - 10/28

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Great Washington Shake Out (earthquake drill)** - Thurs. 10/17
- **St. Luke-a-thon Fundraiser money due** - Fri. 10/18
- **Feast of St. Luke Mass** - Fri. 10/18 at 9:30 a.m.
- **1<sup>st</sup> Trimester progress reports posted** - Fri. 10/18
- **Parents Club meeting** - Thurs. 10/24
- **Free Dress Friday** - Fri. 10/25
- **Box Tops contest ends** - Fri. 10/25



## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Second Step:** Home Link lesson 2 due, Fri. 10/18
- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 2 h/w due, Fri. 10/18  
Superkids unit 2 Spelling test, Fri. 10/18
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; Oct. reading log due Fri., 11/01

